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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

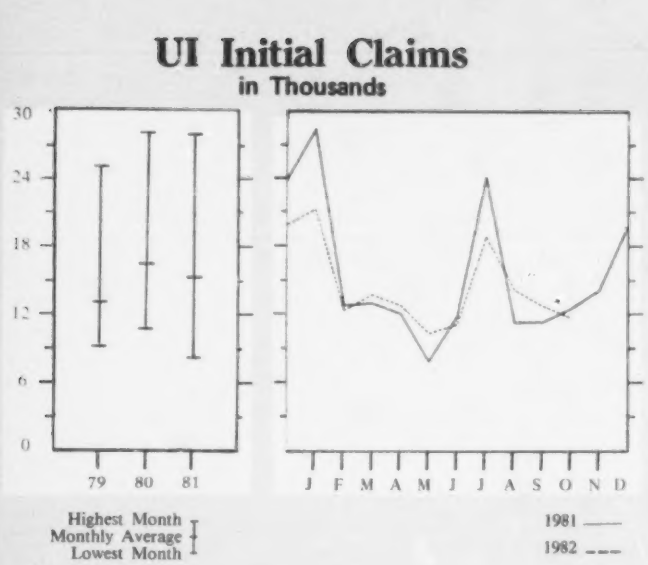
THE TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT (TJTC) PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE MAINE JOB SERVICE WAS RECENTLY EXPANDED THROUGH MODIFICATIONS IN FEDERAL LEGISLATION. INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING GENERAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF VOUCHERS OR SCRIPT ARE NOW INCLUDED WITHIN THE TJTC PROGRAM TARGET GROUPS.

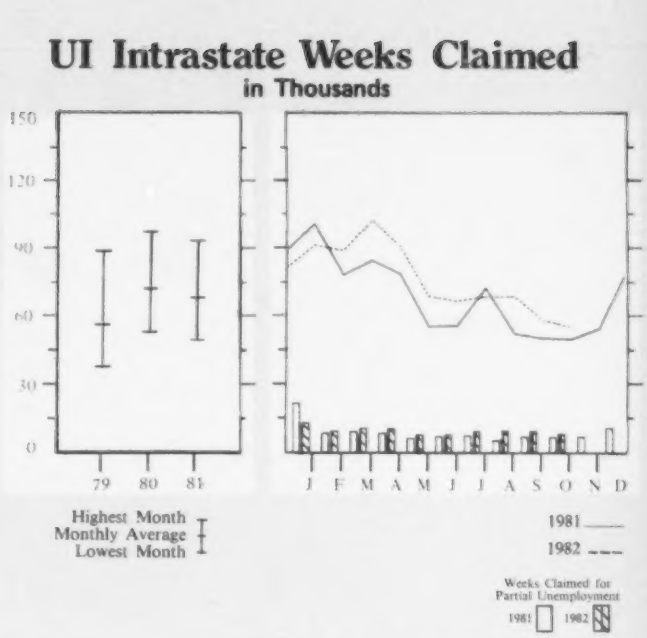
THE TJTC PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO GIVE EMPLOYERS AN INCENTIVE TO HIRE PERSONS FROM SPECIFIC DISADVANTAGED GROUPS SUCH AS LOW INCOME YOUTH, VETERANS, OR AFDC RECIPIENTS. BEFORE THE RECENT CHANGE IN FEDERAL LAW ONLY INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING CASH GENERAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS WERE INCLUDED UNDER THE TJTC PROGRAM. THE CHANGE NOW ALLOWS EMPLOYERS A TAX CREDIT IF THEY HIRE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS RECEIVING GENERAL ASSISTANCE FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT IN CASH, VOUCHER, OR SCRIPT FORM.

SINCE MAINE COMMUNITIES DO NOT MAKE CASH PAYMENTS OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE, THE RECENT CHANGE WILL HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL EFFECT IN INCREASING THE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS OF DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SCRIPT OR VOUCHER GENERAL ASSISTANCE FROM LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL SOON BE RECEIVING MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CERTIFICATION FORMS WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION. LOCAL OFFICIALS ARE ASKED TO FILL OUT THE FORM AND REFER ANY INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING GENERAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NEAREST JOB SERVICE OFFICE FOR AN ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE INDIVIDUAL WILL ENABLE THE EMPLOYER TO RECEIVE TJTC BENEFITS IF HE OR SHE IS HIRED.

ANY PRIVATE EMPLOYER, GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTY MAY RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE TJTC PROGRAM BY CONTACTING THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, MAINE JOB SERVICE/TJTC, 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330 OR CALL (207) 289-3977.





EMPLOYMENT GAINS IN FINANCE AND INSURANCE LEAD GROWTH IN THEIR INDUSTRY DIVISION

THE FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY DIVISION EXHIBITED SUBSTANTIAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS, AND REMAINS RELATIVELY HEALTHY IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

BETWEEN 1971 AND 1981, EMPLOYMENT IN FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE INCREASED FROM 12,700 TO 17,000, OR BY 33.8 PERCENT, WHICH REPRESENTED THE SECOND LARGEST PERCENTAGE EMPLOYMENT GAIN BY A MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION IN THE NONMANUFACTURING SECTOR. WITHIN FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE, LARGE EMPLOYMENT GAINS BETWEEN 1971 AND 1981 WERE RECORDED IN BANKING (+2,320) AND INSURANCE CARRIERS AND AGENTS AND BROKERS (+1,590), WITH LESSER GAINS EXPERIENCED IN CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS AND REAL ESTATE. THE NUMBER OF JOBS WITH SECURITY AND COMMODITY BROKERS REMAINED STABLE.

DESPITE THE CURRENT NATIONAL RECESSION, THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY DIVISION HAS CONTINUED TO EXPAND, GAINING AN ADDITIONAL 800 JOBS BETWEEN OCTOBER 1981 AND OCTOBER 1982. WITHIN THIS INDUSTRY DIVISION, THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL OVER-THE-YEAR EMPLOYMENT GAINS WERE EXPERIENCED IN INSURANCE CARRIERS AND AGENTS AND BROKERS (+390) AND BANKING (+290), WHILE SMALLER INCREASES OCCURRED IN CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS AND SECURITY AND COMMODITY BROKERS.

BETWEEN 1971 AND 1981, EMPLOYMENT GAINS IN INSURANCE CARRIERS AND AGENTS WERE SPREAD AMONG MANY EMPLOYERS. HOWEVER, DURING THE PAST YEAR EMPLOYMENT INCREASES MAY BE ATTRIBUTED PRIMARILY TO THE STRONG PERFORMANCE OF ONE MAJOR LIFE INSURANCE CARRIER WHICH HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS LOCATED IN MAINE.

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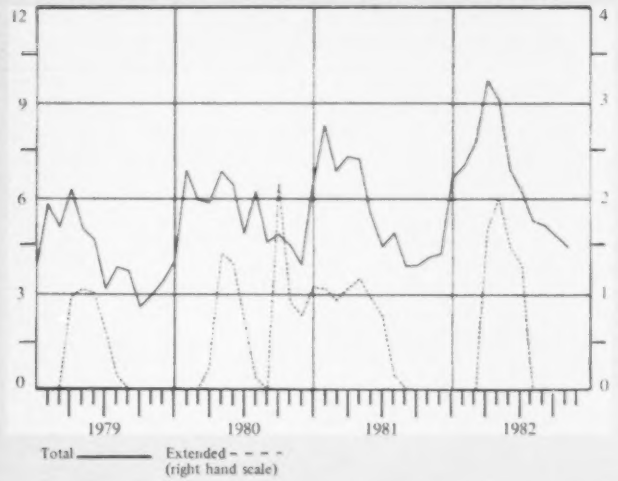
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

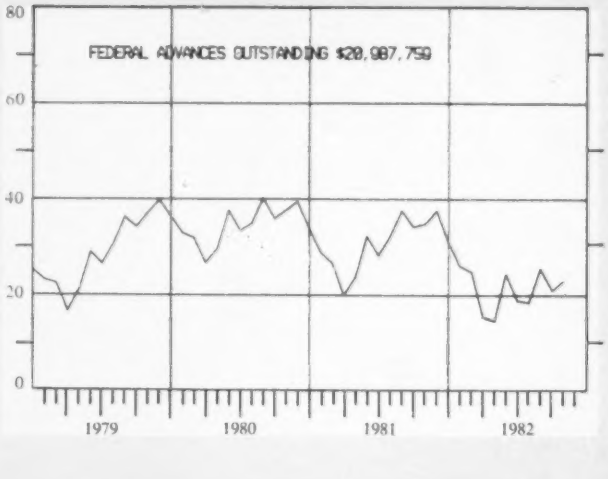
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

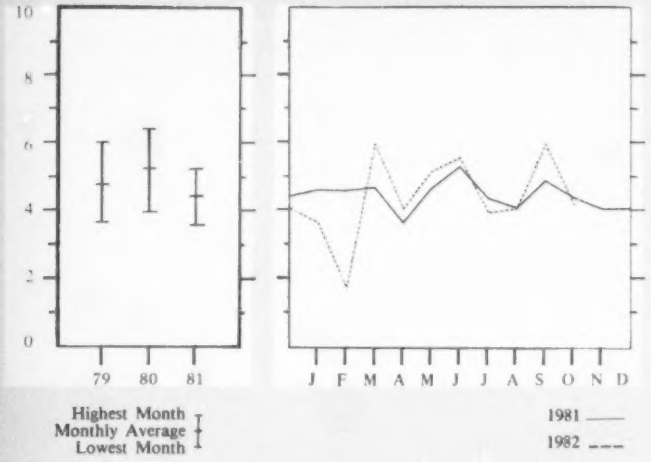
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	413.3	414.1	419.1	97.2	95.5	94.5	33.8	33.8	34.7
Total Manufacturing	107.2	108.5	112.2	17.1	17.1	17.7	10.6	10.7	11.6
Durable Goods	39.7	40.1	41.7	6.9	7.0	7.6	1.9	1.9	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.1	12.3	13.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.6	14.8	16.5	6.1	6.2	6.8	1.4	1.4	1.8
Other Durable Goods 3/	13.0	13.0	12.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Nondurable Goods	67.5	68.4	70.5	10.2	10.1	10.1	8.7	8.8	9.4
Food and Kindred Products	9.6	9.7	9.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.1	6.3	7.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.5	1.9
Apparel	4.8	4.6	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.6	18.0	18.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.4	19.6	20.7	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.2	16.3	17.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	(2.9)	(2.9)	(3.3)
All Other	3.2	3.3	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.0	10.2	10.0	4.5	4.3	4.7	2.4	2.6	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	306.1	305.6	306.9	80.1	78.4	76.8	23.2	23.1	23.1
Contract Construction	18.6	18.6	18.6	4.1	4.1	3.8	1.4	1.3	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.2	18.5	18.5	5.9	5.9	5.8	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	88.1	89.7	89.0	26.6	26.2	25.6	8.2	8.3	8.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.0	18.0	17.2	8.4	8.4	7.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	79.3	81.0	79.9	22.0	22.1	21.0	7.7	7.7	7.6
Government	83.9	79.8	83.7	13.1	11.7	13.0	3.0	2.9	3.1
Federal	(18.0)	(17.3)	(17.9)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(65.9)	(62.5)	(65.8)	(11.7)	(10.3)	(11.6)	(2.7)	(2.6)	(2.8)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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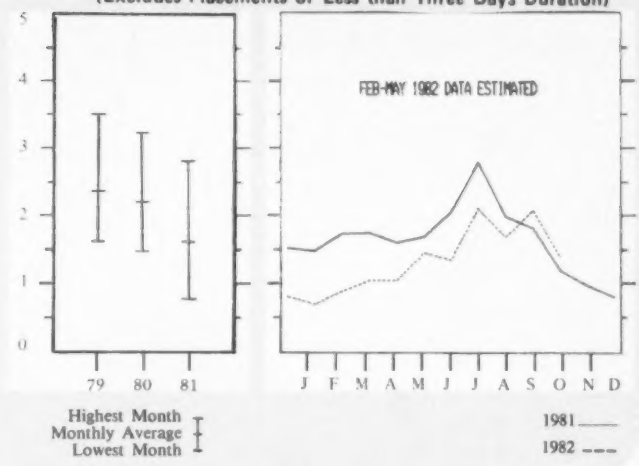
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$294.52	$298.75	$276.89	39.8	40.1	40.6	$7.40	$7.45	$6.82	$6.66	$6.00	$5.42
Durable Goods	318.39	316.39	292.73	40.1	40.1	40.6	7.94	7.89	7.21	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	273.93	276.05	264.26	38.8	39.1	39.5	7.06	7.06	6.69	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	291.46	289.98	271.75	39.6	39.4	40.2	7.36	7.36	6.76	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	393.02	386.23	353.21	41.9	41.8	42.3	9.38	9.24	8.35	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	280.76	288.32	266.90	39.6	40.1	40.5	7.09	7.19	6.59	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	205.06	222.87	202.29	35.6	39.1	37.6	5.76	5.70	5.38	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	212.31	206.05	210.01	39.1	37.6	39.7	5.43	5.48	5.29	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	198.15	201.66	192.14	37.6	36.4	37.6	5.27	5.54	5.11	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	468.59	496.80	457.43	45.1	46.3	48.1	10.39	10.73	9.51	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	207.14	209.21	191.88	37.8	37.9	36.9	5.48	5.52	5.20	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	249.48	243.59	229.68	38.5	38.3	39.6	6.48	6.36	5.80	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	284.10	280.74	264.40	38.6	38.3	40.0	7.36	7.33	6.61	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	229.46	229.36	208.62	38.5	38.1	36.6	5.96	6.02	5.70	5.57	5.08	4.66

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force*	213.9	219.2	208.3
Unemployed	18.2	19.2	13.9
(Percent)	8.5	8.8	6.7
Resident Employed	195.7	200.0	194.4

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	294.1	293.3	279.9	281.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3
Percent Change from Last December	+4.5
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+5.1

*Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment
in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	506.5	533.9	505.8	472.2	493.9	474.3	34.3	40.0	31.5	6.8	7.5	6.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,500	42,600	44,600	40,200	40,100	42,100	2,300	2,500	2,500	5.4	5.9	5.6
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,900	32,300	31,800	28,400	29,600	29,700	2,500	2,700	2,100	8.1	8.4	6.6
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	37,000	37,700	37,600	34,200	34,400	35,300	2,800	3,300	2,300	7.6	8.8	6.1
Portland SMSA	94,000	93,400	91,600	89,200	88,100	87,200	4,800	5,300	4,400	5.1	5.7	4.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,560	29,360	28,930	26,540	26,900	27,040	2,020	2,460	1,890	7.1	8.4	6.5
Bath-Brunswick	24,660	24,800	22,470	23,610	23,590	21,360	1,050	1,210	1,110	4.3	4.9	4.9
Belfast	10,030	10,310	10,160	9,090	9,230	9,360	940	1,080	800	9.4	10.5	7.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	7,910	8,710	7,840	7,490	8,260	7,420	420	450	420	5.3	5.2	5.4
Calais-Eastport	15,090	17,020	14,660	13,630	15,090	13,510	1,460	1,930	1,150	9.7	11.3	7.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	19,180	25,880	20,410	17,190	22,890	18,490	1,990	2,990	1,920	10.4	11.6	9.4
Central Penobscot	3,510	3,480	3,590	3,290	3,250	3,390	220	230	200	6.3	6.6	5.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,730	6,800	6,290	6,230	6,240	6,030	500	560	260	7.4	8.2	4.1
Ellsworth	19,970	22,030	19,480	19,000	20,950	18,590	970	1,080	890	4.9	4.9	4.6
Farmington	12,290	12,390	12,390	11,480	11,510	11,590	810	880	800	6.6	7.1	6.5
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,680	7,740	5,440	5,260	7,180	4,970	420	560	470	7.4	7.2	8.6
Greenville	1,690	1,750	1,690	1,610	1,670	1,610	80	80	80	4.7	4.6	4.7
Houlton	5,120	6,780	4,990	4,670	6,120	4,610	450	660	380	8.8	9.7	7.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,620	5,730	5,590	5,230	5,290	5,250	390	440	340	6.9	7.7	6.1
Livermore Falls	5,840	6,410	5,710	5,330	5,750	5,250	510	660	460	8.7	10.3	8.1
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,550	5,970	4,640	4,070	5,340	4,280	480	630	360	10.5	10.6	7.8
Mechanic Falls	2,440	2,610	2,260	2,160	2,260	1,950	280	350	310	11.5	13.4	13.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,380	5,360	5,370	5,140	5,120	5,130	240	240	240	4.5	4.5	4.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,510	3,720	2,730	2,260	3,340	2,510	250	380	220	10.0	10.2	8.1
Rockland	15,950	16,770	16,520	14,740	15,530	15,680	1,210	1,240	840	7.6	7.4	5.1
Rumford	19,720	20,490	20,270	18,190	18,720	18,730	1,530	1,770	1,540	7.8	8.6	7.6
Sebago Lake Region	10,540	11,290	10,120	9,870	10,520	9,470	670	770	650	6.4	6.8	6.4
Skowhegan	20,340	20,920	19,620	18,190	18,610	17,410	2,150	2,310	2,210	10.6	11.0	11.3
Kittery-York	20,090	22,140	20,310	19,460	21,500	19,770	630	640	540	3.1	2.9	2.7
Southwest Penobscot	8,050	8,060	7,570	7,190	7,100	6,860	860	960	710	10.7	11.9	9.4
Waterville	20,720	21,300	21,290	19,270	19,640	19,780	1,450	1,660	1,510	7.0	7.8	7.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,600.6	1,598.7	1,585.1	1,489.8	1,495.6	1,493.8	110.8	103.1	91.3	6.9	6.4	5.8
Massachusetts	3,043.0	3,064.0	3,032.4	2,823.0	2,838.0	2,827.7	220.0	226.0	204.7	7.2	7.4	6.7
New Hampshire	481.3	484.3	482.8	447.2	453.8	461.9	34.1	30.5	20.9	7.1	6.3	4.3
Rhode Island	484.7	484.2	479.2	440.8	442.4	448.0	43.9	41.8	31.2	9.1	8.6	6.5
Vermont	274.3	274.2	261.0	257.9	258.5	248.1	16.5	15.6	12.9	6.0	5.7	4.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	5884.0	5,905.3	5,840.5	5,458.7	5,488.3	5,479.5	425.3	417.0	361.0	7.2	7.1	6.2
UNITED STATES 3/	110,767	110,546	109,244	99,825	99,851	101,028	10,942	10,695	8,216	9.9	9.7	7.5

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n. a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	11,815	13,994	10,780	1,727	1,839	1,317	974	1,290	764
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.0	3.5	2.7	2.1	2.2	1.6	3.0	3.9	2.3

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

BANKING EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE HAS INCREASED FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS WHICH INCLUDE: THE INCREASE IN VOLUME HANDLED BY BANKS DUE TO INFLATION, THE DECISION BY VARIOUS BANKS TO BEGIN PERFORMING THEIR OWN DATA PROCESSING OPERATIONS, THE PROLIFERATION OF NEW SERVICES OFFERED BY BANKS, AND THE GEOGRAPHIC EXPANSION OF MARKET OUTLETS. IN 1970 MAINE'S BANKS HAD A TOTAL OF 255 BRANCH OFFICES. BY 1980 THIS NUMBER HAD RISEN TO 420, AN INCREASE OF 65 PERCENT. IN 1981 ALONE, 17 NEW BRANCH OFFICES OPENED STATEWIDE.

EMPLOYMENT IN INSURANCE CARRIERS AND AGENTS AND BROKERS SHOULD CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN RESPONSE TO A GROWING DEMAND FOR SERVICES. THE CURRENT MOVEMENT TOWARDS MERGERS IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY MAY RESULT IN SLOWING EMPLOYMENT GROWTH IN THIS INDUSTRY. THE NET RESULT IS CONTINUED GROWTH IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY DIVISION, ALTHOUGH AT A SLOWER PACE THAN RECORDED IN THE PAST DECADE.

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AVERAGES FOR THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF 1982 INDICATE A MAINE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 8.4 PERCENT AND A NATIONAL RATE OF 9.6 PERCENT. IN 1981, MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AND IT NOW APPEARS CERTAIN WE WILL CONTINUE BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

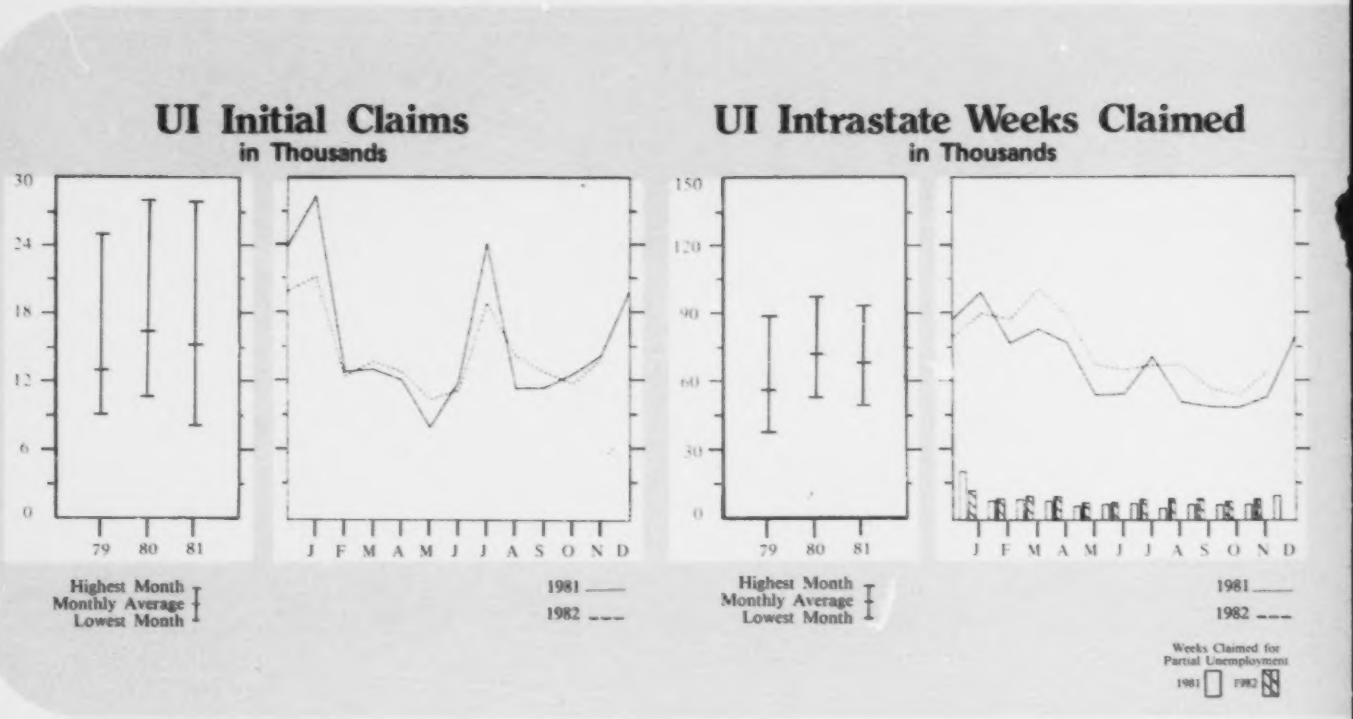
BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1981 AND NOVEMBER 1982 TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT DECLINED BY 2.5 PERCENT NATIONALLY AND BY 1.1 PERCENT IN MAINE. THE RECESSION HAS HIT PARTICULARLY HARD THE DURABLE GOODS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT AND PRIMARY METALS, AS WELL AS MINING AND CONSTRUCTION. MAINE HAS NOT EXPERIENCED LOSSES IN THESE INDUSTRIES TO THE EXTENT THAT THE NATION HAS, NOR HAS THE STATE EXPERIENCED THE INDIRECT IMPACT OF THESE LOSSES ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1981 AND NOVEMBER 1982, THE NATION EXPERIENCED AN EMPLOYMENT LOSS OF 194,400, OR 10.5 PERCENT, IN THE TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY. DURING THIS TIME PERIOD, MAINE EXPERIENCED AN EMPLOYMENT GAIN IN THIS INDUSTRY OF 1,600, OR 17.8 PERCENT.

THE NATION HAS EXPERIENCED AN EMPLOYMENT LOSS OF 270,800, OR 25.1 PERCENT IN THE PRIMARY METALS INDUSTRY BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1981 AND NOVEMBER 1982. THE IMPACT ON MAINE'S ECONOMY IS NEGLIGIBLE AS THERE ARE ABOUT 300 PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THIS INDUSTRY STATEWIDE.

NATIONWIDE, THE MINING INDUSTRY HAS LOST 151,000 JOBS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1981 AND NOVEMBER 1982. AS IN THE CASE OF PRIMARY METALS, THIS INDUSTRY DOES NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE.

IN SUMMARY, WE EXPECT THAT 1982 WILL MARK THE SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR THAT MAINE'S ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINS BELOW THE NATIONAL RATE. WHILE PART OF THE REASON IS THAT WE LACK SOME OF THE INDUSTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY HARD HIT BY THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, THERE ARE OTHER MORE FAVORABLE REASONS. SINCE THE 1974-1975 RECESSION MAINE'S ECONOMIC BASE HAS BECOME STRONGER AND MORE DIVERSIFIED, DUE IN LARGE PART TO GAINS IN DURABLE GOODS MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT. THIS HAS ENABLED MAINE TO BETTER WITHSTAND THE RECESSIONARY NATURE OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.



A LOOK AT THE MAINE JOB MARKET IN 1990

BY 1990 THERE WILL BE OVER 553,000 PERSONS EMPLOYED IN MAINE ACCORDING TO PROJECTIONS MADE BY THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH. THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 16 PERCENT OVER THE 1980 EMPLOYMENT LEVEL.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN ALL OF THE NINE MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES: PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL WORKERS, MANAGERS AND OFFICIALS, SALES WORKERS, CLERICAL WORKERS, CRAFT AND KINDRED WORKERS, OPERATIVES AND OTHER SEMISKILLED WORKERS, SERVICE WORKERS, NONFARM LABORERS, AND FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS. OF THESE NINE CATEGORIES, SERVICE WORKERS SHOW THE LARGEST NET (+16,500) AND PERCENT (+25.2) GROWTH OVER THE DECADE. BY 1990 WORKERS IN SERVICE OCCUPATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY 15.8 PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT. INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH SERVICE (+4,500) AND FOOD SERVICE (+5,700) OCCUPATIONS SHOULD ACCOUNT FOR MUCH OF THE GAIN IN THE SERVICE CATEGORY.

THE NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL WORKERS IS PROJECTED TO GROW FROM 68,400 TO 80,400 BY 1990, A GAIN OF 17.5 PERCENT. EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL WORKERS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 3,000 BETWEEN 1980 AND 1990, WITH ABOVE-AVERAGE GROWTH RATES ALSO RECORDED FOR ENGINEERS, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC TECHNICIANS, HEALTH TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS, AND COMPUTER SPECIALISTS.

CRAFT AND KINDRED WORKER OCCUPATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY APPROXIMATELY 11,000, OR 17.9 PERCENT, OVER THE DECADE. WITHIN THIS OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY, THERE IS WIDESPREAD DEMAND FOR SKILLED WORKERS IN SEVERAL OCCUPATIONS DUE TO ANTICIPATED GROWTH IN THE DURABLE GOODS MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES.

EMPLOYMENT OF CLERICAL WORKERS IS PROJECTED TO REGISTER AN ABOVE-AVERAGE RATE OF GROWTH OF 18.9 PERCENT, REPRESENTING AN ADDITIONAL 13,600 JOBS BY 1990. WHILE MUCH OF THIS GROWTH IS EXPECTED TO BE AMONG THE MORE TRADITIONAL CLERICAL OCCUPATIONS, THERE WILL BE A RAPIDLY GROWING DEMAND FOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS INCLUDING LARGE AND SMALL COMPUTER OPERATORS, WORD PROCESSING MACHINE OPERATORS, AND OTHER OCCUPATIONS RELATED TO OFFICE AUTOMATION.

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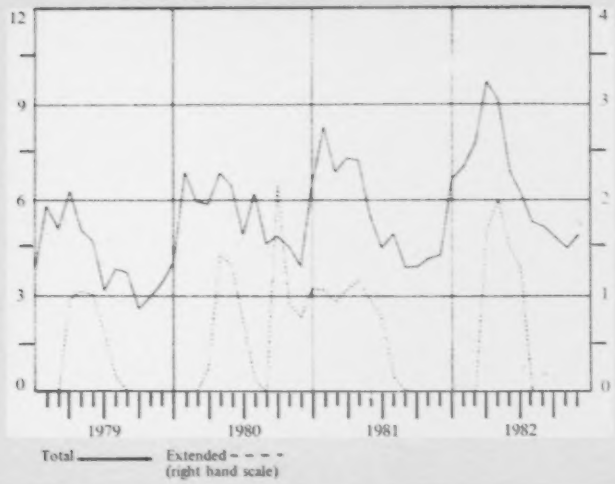
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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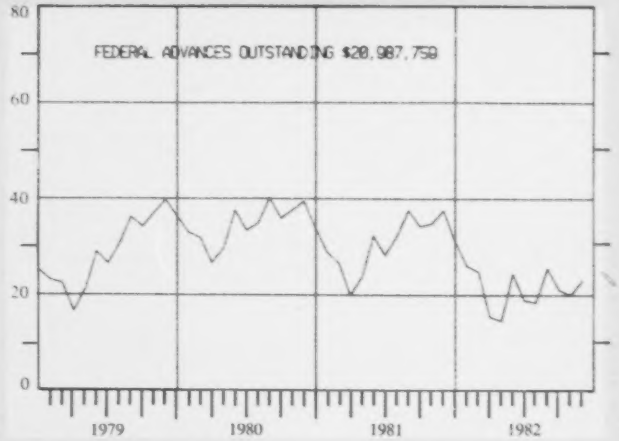
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

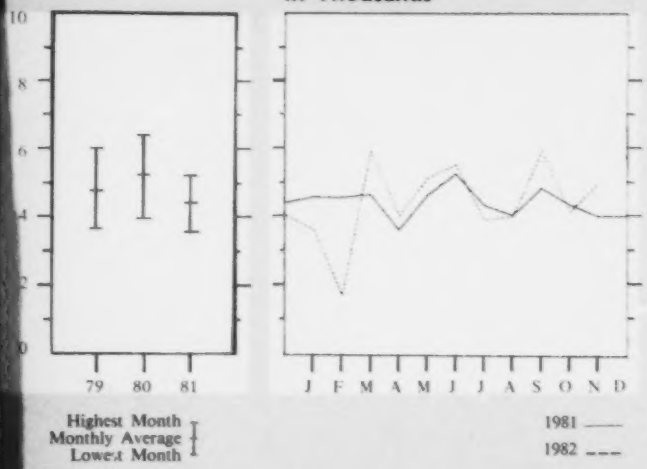
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	409.4	413.3	413.9	97.4	97.2	95.1	33.8	33.8	34.5
Total Manufacturing	105.4	107.2	110.5	16.9	17.1	17.7	10.7	10.6	11.5
Durable Goods	39.2	39.7	40.9	6.8	6.9	7.6	1.9	1.9	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.7	12.1	12.7	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.4	14.6	16.4	6.0	6.1	6.8	1.5	1.4	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	13.1	13.0	11.8	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3
Nondurable Goods	67.2	67.5	69.6	10.1	10.2	10.1	8.8	8.7	9.4
Food and Kindred Products	8.6	9.6	8.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	1.0	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.0	6.1	7.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.6	1.9
Apparel	4.8	4.8	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.9	17.5	18.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.8	19.4	20.5	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	(16.6)	(16.2)	(17.0)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.0)	(2.9)	(3.3)
All Other	(3.2)	(3.2)	(3.5)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.1	10.0	10.3	4.4	4.5	4.7	2.4	2.4	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	303.0	306.1	303.4	80.5	80.1	77.4	23.1	23.2	23.0
Contract Construction	18.0	18.5	17.4	4.0	4.1	3.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.9	18.2	18.1	5.9	5.9	5.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	86.9	88.1	87.6	26.9	26.6	25.0	8.2	8.2	8.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.0	18.0	17.1	8.4	8.4	7.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	77.8	79.3	78.1	22.2	22.0	21.1	7.7	7.7	7.7
Government	84.4	83.9	85.1	13.1	13.1	13.3	3.0	3.0	3.1
Federal	(18.1)	(18.0)	(18.1)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(66.3)	(65.9)	(67.0)	(11.7)	(11.7)	(11.9)	(2.7)	(2.7)	(2.8)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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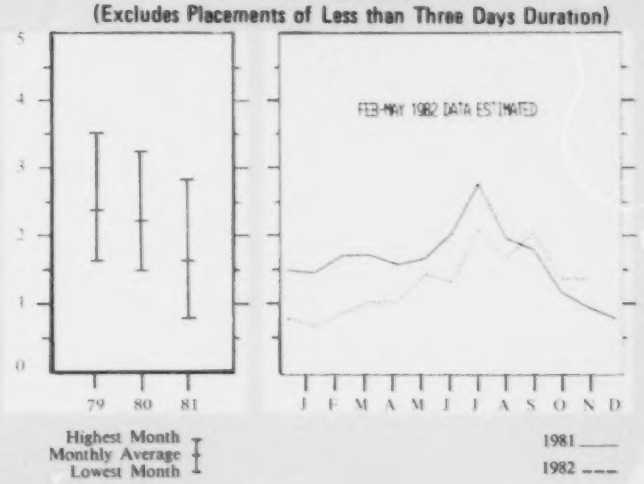

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$299.41	$294.52	$278.40	39.5	39.8	40.0	$7.58	$7.40	$6.96	$6.66	$6.00	$5.42
Durable Goods	315.20	318.39	297.34	39.4	40.1	40.4	8.00	7.94	7.36	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	278.91	273.93	275.62	38.9	38.8	39.6	7.17	7.06	6.96	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	286.38	291.46	272.92	38.7	39.6	39.9	7.40	7.36	6.84	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	379.89	393.02	356.16	40.5	41.9	42.0	9.38	9.38	8.48	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	289.93	280.76	267.58	39.5	39.6	39.7	7.34	7.09	6.74	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	224.72	205.06	223.29	36.6	35.6	38.3	6.14	5.76	5.83	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	218.23	212.31	207.90	38.9	39.1	38.5	5.61	5.43	5.40	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	202.57	198.15	203.45	37.1	37.6	39.2	5.46	5.27	5.19	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	488.25	468.59	447.72	45.0	45.1	45.5	10.85	10.39	9.84	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	205.15	207.14	189.59	37.3	37.8	36.6	5.50	5.48	5.18	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	242.56	249.40	224.06	37.9	38.5	38.3	6.40	6.48	5.85	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	290.67	284.10	258.23	37.7	38.6	38.6	7.71	7.36	6.69	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	227.66	229.46	219.62	37.2	38.5	37.8	6.12	5.96	5.81	5.57	5.08	4.66

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month **	Year Ago
Labor Force *	209.1	212.1	207.9
Unemployed	15.9	16.4	15.0
(Percent)	7.6	7.7	7.2
Resident Employed	193.2	195.7	192.9

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	293.6	294.1	280.7	281.5

Percent Change for Past Month	-0.2
Percent Change from Last December	+4.3
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.6

*Preliminary **Amended

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	497.9	506.5	500.5	463.0	472.2	465.1	34.9	34.3	35.4	7.0	6.8	7.1
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,700	42,500	44,500	40,400	40,200	41,800	2,300	2,300	2,700	5.4	5.4	6.1
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,900	30,900	32,200	28,200	28,400	29,900	2,700	2,500	2,300	8.7	8.1	7.1
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	36,700	37,000	37,400	34,100	34,200	35,000	2,600	2,800	2,400	7.1	7.6	6.4
Portland SMSA	94,400	94,000	92,600	89,500	89,200	87,700	4,900	4,800	4,900	5.2	5.1	5.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,320	28,560	28,780	26,480	26,540	26,720	1,840	2,020	2,060	6.5	7.1	7.2
Bath-Brunswick	24,650	24,660	22,560	23,490	23,610	21,360	1,160	1,050	1,200	4.7	4.3	5.3
Belfast	9,880	10,030	10,310	8,890	9,090	9,230	990	940	1,080	10.0	9.4	10.5
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	7,280	7,910	7,200	6,800	7,490	6,740	480	420	460	6.6	5.3	6.4
Calais-Eastport	14,800	15,090	14,660	13,200	13,630	13,140	1,600	1,460	1,520	10.8	9.7	10.4
Caribou-Presque Isle	18,400	19,180	19,730	16,410	17,190	17,700	1,990	1,990	2,030	10.8	10.4	10.3
Central Penobscot	3,470	3,510	3,590	3,260	3,290	3,360	210	220	230	6.1	6.3	6.4
Dover-Foxcroft	6,680	6,730	6,300	6,200	6,230	6,010	480	500	290	7.2	7.4	4.6
Ellsworth	18,890	19,970	19,040	17,710	19,000	17,690	1,180	970	1,350	6.2	4.9	7.1
Farmington	12,220	12,290	12,550	11,370	11,480	11,740	850	810	810	7.0	6.6	6.5
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,080	5,680	4,780	4,700	5,260	4,250	380	420	530	7.5	7.4	11.1
Greenville	1,670	1,690	1,640	1,580	1,610	1,580	90	80	60	5.4	4.7	3.7
Houlton	4,510	5,120	4,540	4,070	4,670	4,130	440	450	410	9.8	8.8	9.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,460	5,620	5,510	5,050	5,230	5,190	410	390	320	7.5	6.9	5.8
Livermore Falls	5,610	5,840	5,600	5,110	5,330	5,090	500	510	510	8.9	8.7	9.1
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,780	4,550	4,270	3,780	4,070	3,910	500	480	360	11.7	10.5	8.4
Mechanic Falls	2,200	2,440	2,150	2,020	2,160	1,850	260	280	300	11.4	11.5	14.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,310	5,380	5,340	5,080	5,140	5,070	230	240	270	4.3	4.5	5.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,220	2,510	2,400	2,000	2,260	2,190	220	250	210	9.9	10.0	8.8
Rockland	15,300	15,950	16,070	13,920	14,740	14,740	1,380	1,210	1,330	9.0	7.6	8.3
Rumford	19,680	19,720	20,110	18,100	18,190	18,530	1,580	1,530	1,580	8.0	7.8	7.9
Sebago Lake Region	10,120	10,540	10,170	9,400	9,870	9,450	720	670	720	7.1	6.4	7.1
Skowhegan	20,000	20,340	19,190	18,010	18,190	16,630	1,990	2,150	2,560	10.0	10.6	13.3
Kittery-York	18,000	20,090	18,040	17,300	19,460	17,520	700	630	520	3.9	3.1	2.9
Southwest Penobscot	8,160	8,050	7,770	7,300	7,190	6,980	860	860	790	10.5	10.7	10.2
Waterville	20,940	20,720	21,510	19,550	19,270	19,860	1,390	1,450	1,650	6.6	7.0	7.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,600.6	1,591.4	n/a	1,489.8	1,495.8	n/a	110.8	95.6	n/a	6.9	6.0
Massachusetts	3,041.0	3,043.0	3,049.0	2,845.0	2,823.0	2,858.0	196.0	220.0	191.0	6.5	7.2	6.3
New Hampshire	n/a	481.3	479.6	n/a	447.2	458.3	n/a	34.1	21.4	n/a	7.1	4.5
Rhode Island	n/a	484.7	480.3	n/a	440.8	447.9	n/a	43.9	32.4	n/a	9.1	6.7
Vermont	n/a	274.3	258.7	n/a	257.9	244.5	n/a	16.5	14.2	n/a	6.0	5.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,884.0	5,859.1	n/a	5,458.7	5,504.5	n/a	425.3	354.6	n/a	7.2	6.1
UNITED STATES 3/	110,855	110,767	109,179	99,379	99,825	100,502	11,476	10,942	8,676	10.4	9.9	7.9

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	13,249	11,815	13,401	1,847	1,727	1,587	943	974	878
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.4	3.0	3.4	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.9	3.0	2.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

WHILE THE DEMAND FOR MANAGERS AND OFFICIALS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY APPROXIMATELY 5,600 BETWEEN 1980 AND 1990, THE RATE OF EMPLOYMENT GROWTH WILL BE BELOW THE AVERAGE FOR ALL OCCUPATIONS. THIS IS LARGELY THE RESULT OF AN ANTICIPATED STABILIZATION OF DEMAND FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS DUE TO DECLINING SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS.

IN MAINE, AS IN THE NATION, SERVICE-PRODUCING INDUSTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO ACCOUNT FOR AN INCREASING PROPORTION OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT. AS THIS MATURATION PROCESS TAKES PLACE, THE INCREASE IN OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEMISKILLED AND UNSKILLED WORKERS IS EXPECTED TO LAG BEHIND THE AVERAGE RATE OF GROWTH FOR ALL OCCUPATIONS. THE DEMAND FOR OPERATIVES AND OTHER SEMISKILLED WORKERS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY ONLY 13.7 PERCENT, DESPITE PROJECTED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS FOUND PRIMARILY IN THE DURABLE GOODS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. OPPORTUNITIES FOR NONFARM LABORERS AND FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS ARE ALSO ANTICIPATED TO INCREASE BY LESS THAN THE AVERAGE FOR ALL OCCUPATIONS.

IN ADDITION TO JOB OPENINGS DUE TO INDUSTRY GROWTH DISCUSSED ABOVE, A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF OPENINGS WILL RESULT FROM REPLACEMENT NEEDS. THESE OPENINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK TO 1990 WILL BE DISCUSSED IN SEVERAL INFORMATIONAL RELEASES CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED. THESE PRODUCTS INCLUDE A PUBLICATION WHICH WILL COVER THE WIDE VARIETY OF OCCUPATIONS FOUND IN THE MAINE ECONOMY, OCCUPATIONAL MONOGRAPHS WHICH WILL FOCUS ON PARTICULAR OCCUPATIONS, AND AN UPDATE OF THE MAINE COMPUTERIZED CAREER INFORMATION DELIVERY SYSTEM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK TO 1990, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330 OR CALL (207) 289-2271.

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Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

RELATIONS BETWEEN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE BUSINESSES LAST YEAR WERE THE BEST IN MAINE SINCE 1972.

THE CALENDAR YEAR 1982 WAS AN EXCELLENT YEAR FOR LABOR RELATIONS IN MAINE. FIFTY-FOUR PERCENT OF THE MAJOR CONTRACTS BETWEEN PRIVATE EMPLOYERS AND ORGANIZED WORKERS IN MAINE WERE NEGOTIATED WITH THE FEWEST NUMBER OF LOST WORKDAYS DUE TO WORK STOPPAGES IN TEN YEARS.

A MAJOR CONTRACT IN MAINE IS DEFINED AS AN AGREEMENT COVERING 100 OR MORE WORKERS. THERE WERE 89 SUCH CONTRACTS IN FORCE IN 1982 COVERING APPROXIMATELY 39,500 WORKERS. A TOTAL OF 35 MAJOR CONTRACTS COVERING 21,400 WORKERS WERE SIGNED LAST YEAR.

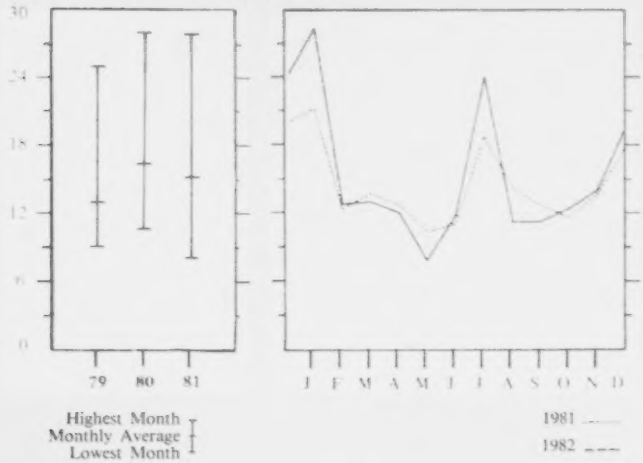
ACCORDING TO STATISTICS ON PRIVATE SECTOR LABOR RELATIONS WHICH ARE MAINTAINED BY THE BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, THERE WERE ONLY FIVE STRIKES IN EFFECT IN THE PAST YEAR INVOLVING 161 WORKERS. THESE STOPPAGES RESULTED IN A LOSS OF LESS THAN ONE ONE-HUNDREDTH OF A PERCENT OF ESTIMATED TOTAL WORK TIME, APPROXIMATELY ONE-FOURTH THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

OF THE CONTRACTS NEGOTIATED LAST YEAR, 14 AGREEMENTS COVERING 9,700 WORKERS WERE REACHED IN THE PAPER INDUSTRY. AGREEMENTS AFFECTING SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF WORKERS WERE ALSO REACHED IN THE CONSTRUCTION, APPAREL MANUFACTURE AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT INDUSTRIES. GENERALLY, AGREEMENTS ARE MOVING TOWARD LONGER CONTRACT PERIODS AND IN MANY CASES PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS COVERING TWO YEARS HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO THREE-YEAR CONTRACTS.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 1983, 39 CONTRACTS ARE SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE AND ONE NEW CONTRACT AGREEMENT IS TO BE WORKED OUT. APPROXIMATELY 14,000 WORKERS WILL BE COVERED UNDER THESE CONTRACTS. TEN AGREEMENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE IN 1983 IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY INVOLVING 3,600 WORKERS. THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY WILL HAVE SEVEN AGREEMENTS TO NEGOTIATE AFFECTING 2,100 WORKERS AND SEVEN AGREEMENTS WILL ALSO EXPIRE IN THE LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. THE PAPER INDUSTRY WILL AGAIN BE A FACTOR WITH SIX CONTRACTS FOR 2,500 WORKERS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE. TWENTY-FOUR OF THE 39 CONTRACTS WERE ORIGINALLY NEGOTIATED IN 1981, AN ADDITIONAL TEN WERE SIGNED IN 1980.

UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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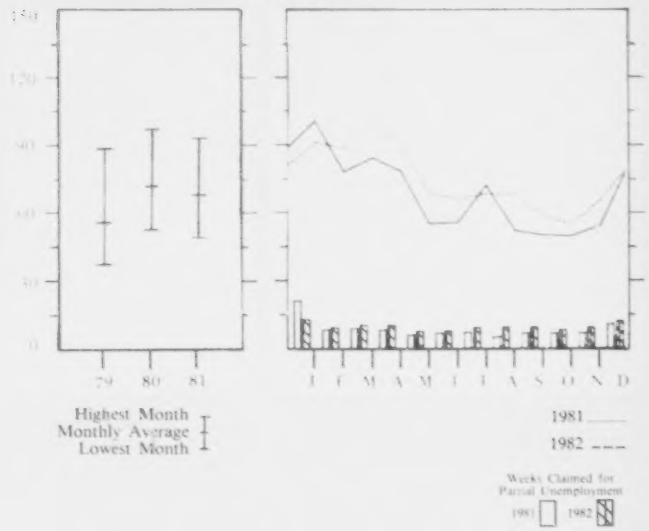

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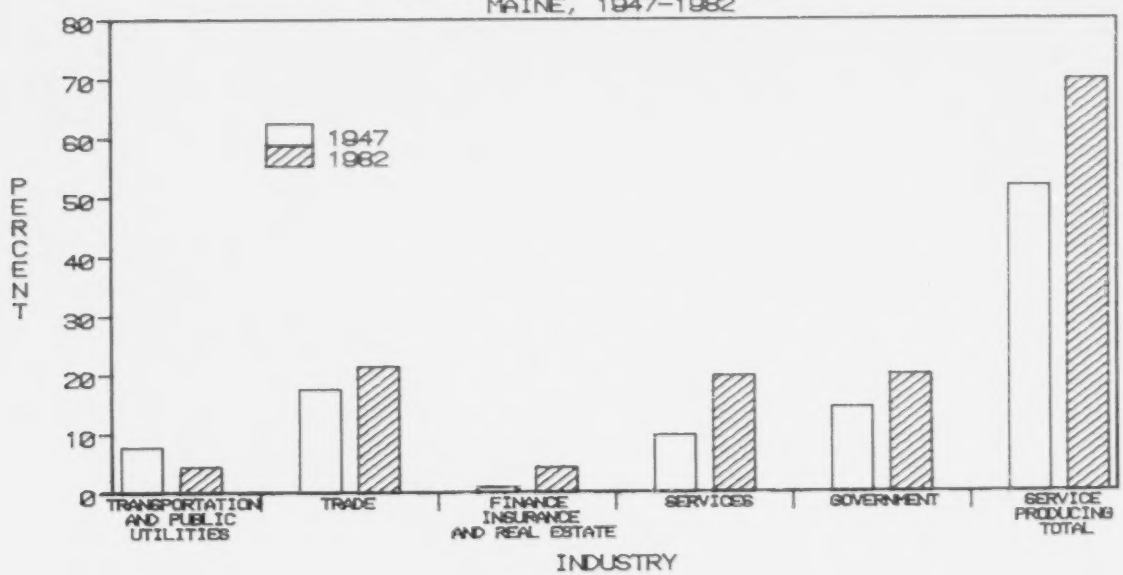


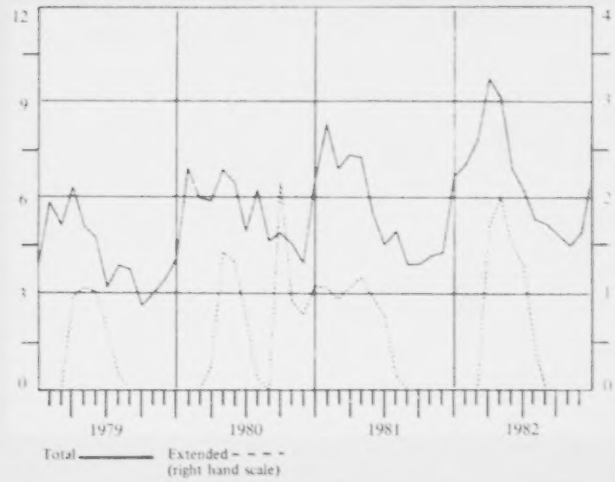
Maine's economy has changed since World War II. The structural development most clearly evident is the shift of employment from goods-producing to service-producing industries. Between 1947 and 1982 employment in service-producing industries (trade, services, government, transportation and public utilities, and finance, insurance, and real estate) increased from 51.7 percent to 68.8 percent of total nonfarm employment in Maine.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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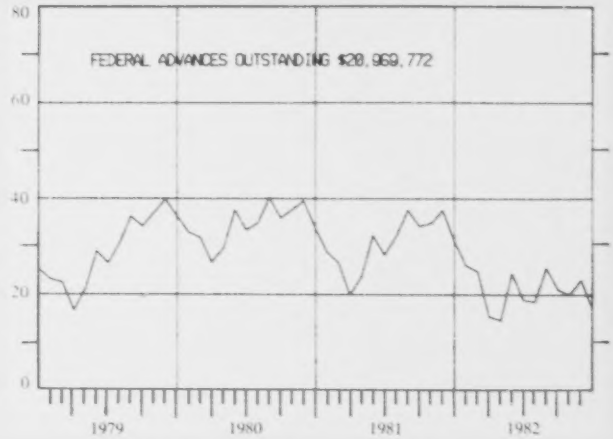
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

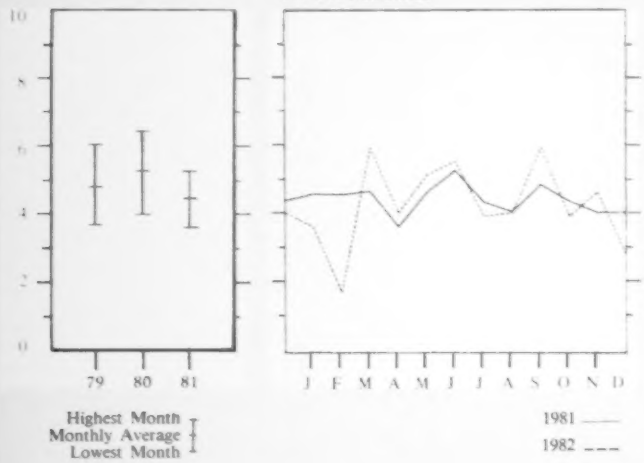
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	406.3	409.4	412.3	97.8	97.4	94.9	33.3	33.8	34.5
Total Manufacturing	105.0	106.4	110.1	17.0	16.9	17.5	10.2	10.7	11.4
Durable Goods	39.1	39.2	41.4	6.7	6.8	7.5	1.9	1.9	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.0	11.7	13.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.3	14.4	16.6	5.9	6.0	6.8	1.5	1.5	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.8	13.1	11.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	65.9	67.2	68.7	10.3	10.1	10.0	8.3	8.8	9.3
Food and Kindred Products	8.2	8.6	8.3	2.3	2.2	2.3	1.0	1.0	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.1	6.0	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.5	1.8
Apparel	4.8	4.8	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	17.9	18.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.3	19.8	20.0	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	(16.2)	(16.6)	(16.7)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(2.8)	(3.0)	(3.2)
All Other	(3.1)	(3.2)	(3.3)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.7	10.1	10.0	4.5	4.4	4.6	2.3	2.4	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	301.3	303.0	302.2	80.8	80.5	77.4	23.1	23.1	23.1
Contract Construction	16.8	18.0	16.3	3.8	4.0	3.5	1.2	1.3	1.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.8	17.9	17.9	5.8	5.9	5.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	87.4	86.9	88.6	27.1	26.9	26.2	8.4	8.2	8.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.0	18.0	17.2	8.5	8.4	7.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	77.9	77.8	77.8	22.6	22.2	21.4	7.6	7.7	7.6
Government	83.4	84.4	84.4	13.0	13.1	13.0	3.0	3.0	3.1
Federal	(18.2)	(18.1)	(18.1)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(65.2)	(66.3)	(66.3)	(11.6)	(11.7)	(11.6)	(2.7)	(2.7)	(2.8)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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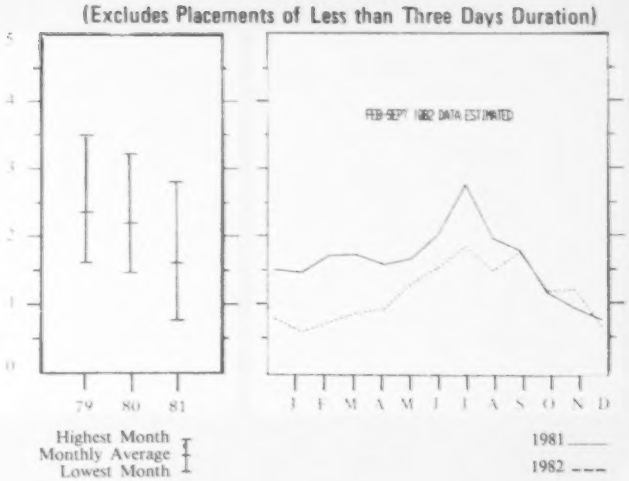
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$304.56	$299.41	$281.07	40.5	39.5	40.5	$7.52	$7.58	$6.94	$6.66	$6.00	$5.42
Durable Goods	326.41	315.20	297.27	40.7	39.4	40.5	8.02	8.00	7.34	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	283.29	278.91	274.33	39.4	38.9	39.7	7.19	7.17	6.91	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	305.78	286.38	280.14	41.1	38.7	40.6	7.44	7.40	6.90	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	392.18	379.89	348.59	41.5	40.5	41.4	9.45	9.38	8.42	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	291.28	289.93	270.68	40.4	39.5	40.4	7.21	7.34	6.70	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	231.65	224.72	227.15	38.1	36.6	39.3	6.08	6.14	5.78	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	221.20	218.23	208.26	40.0	38.9	39.0	5.53	5.61	5.34	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	196.50	202.57	194.24	37.5	37.1	37.8	5.24	5.46	5.14	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	488.83	488.25	445.90	46.6	45.0	46.4	10.49	10.85	9.61	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	205.33	205.15	196.27	37.4	37.3	37.6	5.49	5.50	5.22	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	250.78	242.56	231.25	38.7	37.9	38.8	6.48	6.40	5.96	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	299.30	290.67	265.67	39.8	37.7	39.3	7.52	7.71	6.76	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	239.98	227.66	217.74	39.6	37.2	38.0	6.06	6.12	5.73	5.57	5.08	4.66

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force *	208.3	209.1	205.9
Unemployed	16.2	15.9	13.9
(Percent)	7.8	7.6	6.8
Resident Employed	192.1	193.2	192.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	292.4	293.6	281.5	281.5

Percent Change for Past Month	-0.4
Percent Change from Last December	+3.9
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.9

* Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	499.4	497.9	501.1	459.7	463.0	462.8	39.7	34.9	38.3	7.9	7.0	7.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,500	42,700	43,300	39,800	40,400	40,600	2,700	2,300	2,700	6.4	5.4	6.2
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,800	30,900	32,100	28,000	28,200	29,600	2,800	2,700	2,500	9.1	8.7	7.8
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	36,600	36,700	38,100	33,700	34,100	35,100	2,900	2,600	3,000	7.9	7.1	7.9
Portland SMSA	95,500	94,400	92,900	89,900	89,500	87,800	5,600	4,900	5,100	5.9	5.2	5.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,640	28,320	29,030	26,610	26,480	26,930	2,030	1,840	2,100	7.1	6.5	7.2
Bath-Brunswick	24,490	24,650	22,640	23,270	23,490	21,320	1,220	1,160	1,320	5.0	4.7	5.8
Belfast	9,800	9,880	10,100	9,410	8,890	8,900	1,390	990	1,200	14.2	10.0	11.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	7,310	7,280	7,280	6,700	6,800	6,740	610	480	540	8.3	6.6	7.4
Calais-Eastport	14,520	14,800	14,440	12,780	13,200	12,810	1,740	1,600	1,630	12.0	10.8	11.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	18,420	18,400	19,860	16,150	16,410	17,620	2,270	1,990	2,240	12.3	10.8	11.3
Central Penobscot	3,500	3,470	3,580	3,240	3,260	3,350	260	210	230	7.4	6.1	6.4
Dover-Foxcroft	6,680	6,680	6,460	6,220	6,200	6,120	460	480	340	6.9	7.2	5.3
Ellsworth	18,410	18,890	18,600	16,950	17,710	17,100	1,460	1,180	1,500	7.9	6.2	8.1
Farmington	12,440	12,220	12,710	11,600	11,370	11,750	840	850	960	6.8	7.0	7.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,140	5,080	4,780	4,660	4,700	4,210	480	300	570	9.3	7.5	11.9
Greenville	1,800	1,670	1,780	1,630	1,580	1,700	170	90	80	9.4	5.4	4.5
Houlton	4,760	4,510	4,550	4,250	4,070	4,140	510	440	410	10.7	9.8	9.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,420	5,460	5,520	5,020	5,050	5,200	400	410	320	7.4	7.5	5.8
Livermore-Falls	5,710	5,610	5,670	5,120	5,110	5,130	590	500	540	10.3	8.9	9.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,440	4,280	4,300	3,770	3,780	3,890	670	500	410	15.1	11.7	9.5
Mechanic Falls	2,310	2,280	2,160	2,030	2,020	1,840	280	260	320	12.1	11.4	14.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,330	5,310	5,330	5,050	5,080	5,050	280	230	280	5.3	4.3	5.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,220	2,220	2,430	1,970	2,000	2,190	250	220	240	11.3	9.9	9.9
Rockland	15,320	15,300	15,960	13,780	13,920	14,700	1,540	1,360	1,260	10.1	9.0	7.9
Rumford	19,790	19,680	20,580	17,990	18,100	18,680	1,800	1,580	1,900	9.1	8.0	9.2
Sebago Lake Region	10,160	10,120	10,150	9,320	9,400	9,420	840	720	730	8.3	7.1	7.2
Skowhegan	20,320	20,000	19,120	18,100	18,010	16,480	2,220	1,990	2,640	10.9	10.0	13.8
Kittery-York	17,900	18,000	18,130	17,060	17,300	17,500	840	700	630	4.7	3.9	3.5
Southwest Penobscot	8,250	8,160	7,840	7,280	7,300	6,990	970	860	850	11.8	10.5	10.8
Waterville	20,950	20,940	21,660	19,370	19,550	19,940	1,580	1,390	1,720	7.5	6.6	7.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,597.3	1,600.4	n/a	1,487.2	1,497.8	n/a	110.1	102.6	n/a	6.9	6.4
Massachusetts	3,003.0	3,041.0	3,038.7	2,790.0	2,845.0	2,830.5	214.0	196.0	208.2	7.1	6.5	6.9
New Hampshire	n/a	479.5	482.1	n/a	445.7	457.8	n/a	33.8	24.3	n/a	7.0	5.0
Rhode Island	488.2	486.5	481.7	434.9	440.1	445.1	53.3	46.4	36.6	10.9	9.5	7.6
Vermont	n/a	269.3	260.7	n/a	251.4	245.7	n/a	17.9	15.0	n/a	6.7	5.8
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,873.6	5,863.6	n/a	5,469.4	5,476.9	n/a	404.2	386.7	n/a	6.9	6.6
UNITED STATES 3/	110,477	110,855	108,574	98,849	99,379	99,562	11,628	11,476	9,013	10.5	10.4	8.3

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	16,543	13,249	15,910	2,112	1,847	1,893	1,128	943	1,096
Insured Unemployment Rate *	4.2	3.4	4.0	2.5	2.2	2.3	3.5	2.9	3.3

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	8.9	9.8	9.3
Clerical and Sales	15.5	17.0	12.8
Service	8.7	8.6	9.7
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.8	1.3	2.6
Processing	5.2	5.9	6.1
Machine Trades	13.2	15.2	10.8
Benchwork	8.9	9.8	8.1
Structural Work	19.4	15.2	18.7
Miscellaneous	18.4	17.2	21.9

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	63.8	62.8	64.5
Under 22	9.8	9.2	11.7
22-24	12.7	11.8	11.8
25-34	31.0	31.2	32.3
35-39	10.3	10.6	8.7
Total 40 and Over	36.2	37.2	35.5
40-44	7.5	8.0	9.0
45-54	13.3	13.2	13.4
55-64	10.2	10.4	10.6
65 and Over	5.2	5.6	2.5

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS IN MAINE WERE THE HIGHEST RATED IN THE NATION LAST YEAR ACCORDING TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

ACCORDING TO TIMOTHY M. BARNICLE, REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR U.S. DOL, "LAST YEAR THE CETA PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF MAINE ACHIEVED THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SUCCESS IN TRAINING DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE AND THEN FINDING THEM JOBS OF ALL THE STATES IN THE NATION. THE THREE PRIME SPONSORS WHO SERVE THE STATE PLACED WELL ABOVE 2,000 PEOPLE IN UNSUBSIDIZED JOBS. THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS MORE THAN 71 PERCENT OF THOSE WHO FINISHED TRAINING UNDER CETA IN THE STATE. I COMMEND ALL THOSE IN BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT."

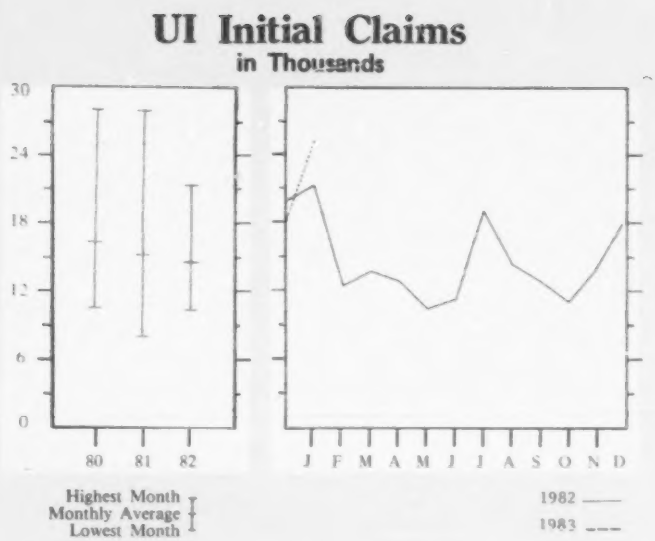
MAINE CETA PROGRAMS WERE FIRST AMONG THE STATES IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES DURING THE LAST FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR. THE "ENTERED EMPLOYMENT RATE," WHICH IS THE PRIMARY MEASURE OF CETA PROGRAM PERFORMANCE, WAS 70.8 PERCENT IN MAINE, HIGHEST OF ANY STATE AND FAR ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 47.3 PERCENT.

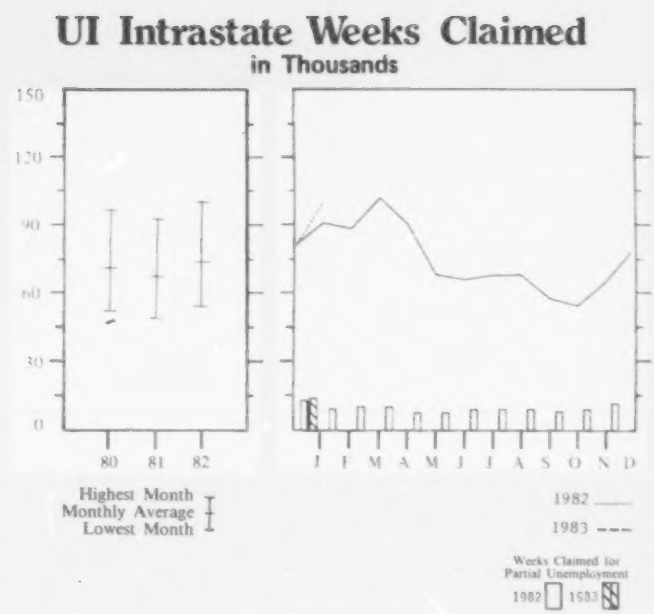
MAINE HAS THREE SEPARATE CETA PROGRAMS, OR PRIME SPONSORS--CUMBERLAND COUNTY CETA, THE PENOBSCOT CONSORTIUM WHICH OPERATES IN PENOBSCOT, PISCATAQUIS AND HANCOCK COUNTIES, AND THE OFFICE OF MAINE CETA WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMAINING 12 COUNTIES IN THE STATE. THE OFFICE OF MAINE CETA RECEIVED THE HIGHEST RATING OF ANY OF THE 25 CETA PRIME SPONSORS IN NEW ENGLAND.

THE "ENTERED EMPLOYMENT RATE" IS A STANDARDIZED MEASURE USED TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CETA PROGRAMS. IT REPRESENTS THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE TERMINATED CETA TRAINING AND FOUND EMPLOYMENT, EXCLUDING PERSONS WHO TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PROGRAMS. THE STATE OF MARYLAND PLACED SECOND AFTER MAINE WITH A RATING OF 70.7 PERCENT, ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT BELOW MAINE'S RATING. HAWAII WAS THIRD AMONG THE STATES WITH A RATE OF 67.7 PERCENT.

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REGION I, WHICH INCLUDES ALL THE NEW ENGLAND STATES, WAS ALSO FIRST AMONG THE TEN REGIONAL AREAS ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

I WANT TO PERSONALLY CONGRATULATE EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THE OFFICE OF MAINE CETA FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK IN ATTAINING THIS REMARKABLE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES OF SERVING A WIDESPREAD RURAL GEOGRAPHIC AREA. ALL THE INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH CUMBERLAND COUNTY CETA AND THE PENOBSCOT CONSORTIUM ARE ALSO TO BE CONGRATULATED SINCE ONLY THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF ALL THREE PROGRAMS WAS MAINE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE DISTINCTION OF THE BEST IN THE NATION.





REVIEW OF THE MAINE ECONOMY FOR 1982

MAINE'S ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR 1982 REMAINED BELOW THE NATIONAL RATE FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR. IN 1982 THE STATE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AVERAGED 8.6 PERCENT, SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL RATE OF 9.7 PERCENT. DURING 1981 THE AVERAGE RATE FOR MAINE WAS 7.2 PERCENT COMPARED TO A NATIONAL RATE OF 7.5 PERCENT.

ALTHOUGH MAINE HAS WEATHERED THE EFFECTS OF THE RECESSION BETTER THAN THE NATION, UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 7,000 BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982 AS A RESULT OF A CONTINUED SLUMP IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. THE AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS FILING FOR A FULL WEEK OF REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ROSE FROM 12.7 WEEKS IN 1982 TO 15.4 WEEKS IN 1982.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE DECLINED BY 8,600 BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982. THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR LOST 6,100 JOBS, WHILE THE NONMANUFACTURING SECTOR RECORDED AN EMPLOYMENT DECLINE OF 2,500.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, NATIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTED TO JOB LOSSES IN A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIES WITH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DECLINES RECORDED BY LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS (-1,700), TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS (-1,100), AND LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS (-1,500). METALS AND MACHINERY INDUSTRIES COLLECTIVELY LOST 1,200 JOBS, WITH THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL LOSS RECORDED BY FABRICATED METALS (-600).

A BRIGHT SPOT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS EMPLOYMENT IN TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING WHICH INCREASED BY 800 DUE MAINLY TO CONTINUED STRENGTH AT BATH IRON WORKS.

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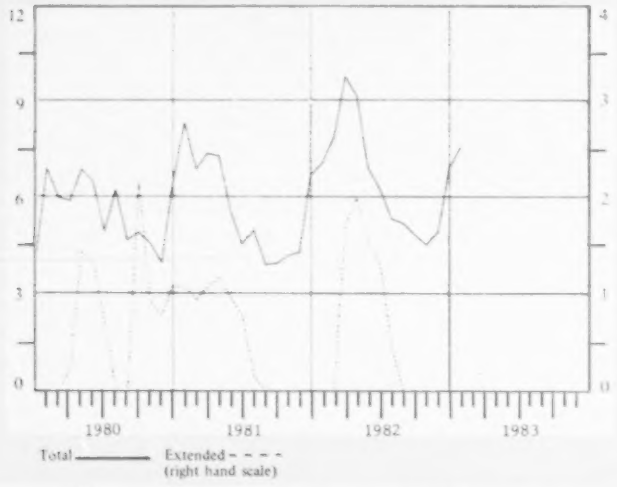
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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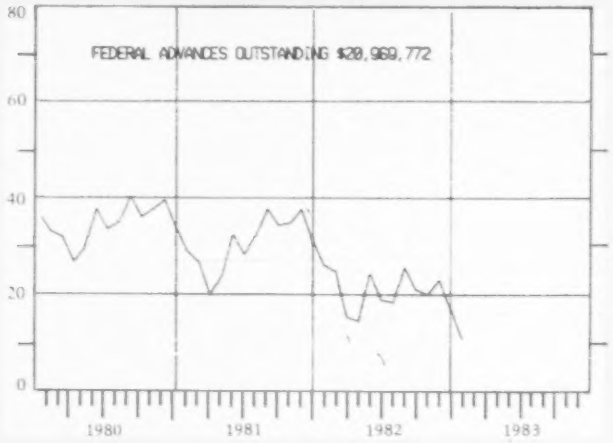


Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

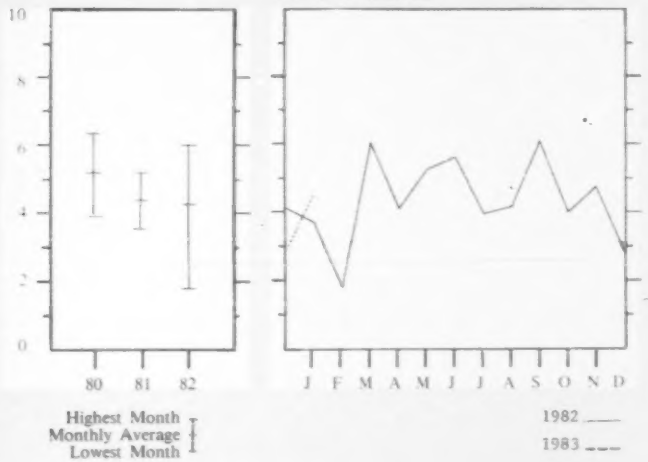
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	397.4	407.9	399.6	94.4	96.8	91.7	32.5	33.7	33.5
Total Manufacturing	104.7	105.6	108.4	16.7	16.8	17.1	10.4	10.5	11.4
Durable Goods	38.1	38.6	40.0	6.4	6.5	7.2	1.8	1.8	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.6	11.8	12.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.1	14.2	16.4	5.6	5.7	6.4	1.5	1.5	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.4	12.6	11.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Nondurable Goods	66.6	67.0	68.4	10.3	10.3	9.9	8.6	8.7	9.4
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	8.2	8.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.3	7.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.4	1.8
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.5	17.7	17.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.0	20.0	20.0	3.4	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.5	16.6	16.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.7	2.6	3.0
All Other	3.5	3.4	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.5
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.7	9.8	10.0	4.7	4.7	4.7	2.5	2.5	2.7
Total Nonmanufacturing	292.7	302.3	291.2	77.7	80.0	74.6	22.1	23.2	22.1
Contract Construction	14.9	17.0	13.7	3.7	4.0	3.6	1.0	1.3	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.0	17.5	18.0	5.8	6.0	5.7	1.2	1.3	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	83.6	87.4	84.1	25.1	26.1	24.7	7.8	8.4	7.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	17.9	17.8	17.1	8.5	8.5	7.7	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	77.7	79.4	75.9	21.3	21.7	20.1	7.3	7.4	7.3
Government	81.6	83.2	81.4	13.3	13.7	12.8	3.2	3.2	3.0
Federal	18.0	18.0	18.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	63.6	65.2	63.3	11.9	12.3	11.4	2.9	2.9	2.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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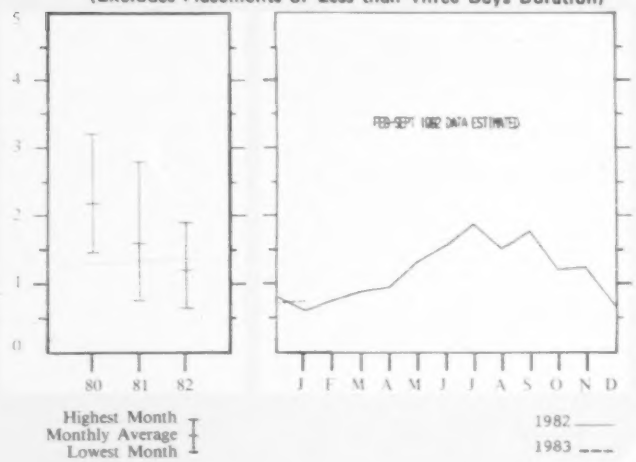

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$300.05	$304.56	$275.71	39.9	40.5	39.7	$7.52	$7.52	$6.97	$7.22	$6.66	$6.00
Durable Goods	324.81	326.41	294.59	40.1	40.7	40.3	8.10	8.02	7.31	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	290.97	283.29	269.21	38.9	39.4	39.3	7.48	7.19	6.85	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	296.25	305.78	273.32	39.5	41.1	39.9	7.50	7.44	6.85	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	392.18	392.18	356.17	41.9	41.5	42.1	9.36	9.45	8.46	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	284.65	291.28	266.34	39.7	40.4	39.4	7.17	7.21	6.76	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	231.04	231.65	213.65	38.0	38.1	36.9	6.08	6.08	5.79	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	221.45	221.20	211.83	39.9	40.0	39.3	5.55	5.53	5.39	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	199.97	196.50	183.09	37.1	37.5	35.9	5.39	5.24	5.10	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	472.93	488.83	441.18	45.3	46.6	46.1	10.44	10.49	9.57	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	204.24	205.33	192.60	37.0	37.4	36.0	5.52	5.49	5.35	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	249.94	250.78	229.52	38.1	38.7	38.0	6.56	6.48	6.04	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	284.25	299.30	265.34	37.9	39.8	38.4	7.50	7.52	6.91	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	232.70	239.98	214.64	38.4	39.6	37.2	6.06	6.06	5.77	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force*	206.1	208.3	205.2
Unemployed	18.9	16.2	16.3
(Percent)	9.2	7.8	7.9
Resident Employed	187.2	192.1	188.9

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	293.1	292.4	282.5	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2
Percent Change from Last December	+0.2
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.8

* Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	495.3	504.9	494.9	445.9	463.0	448.6	49.4	41.9	46.3	10.0	8.3	9.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	41,700	42,300	41,000	38,100	39,100	37,600	3,600	3,200	3,400	8.6	7.6	8.3
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	31,500	31,700	31,300	28,100	28,800	28,400	3,400	2,900	2,900	10.8	9.1	9.3
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	37,400	37,700	38,600	33,300	34,600	34,700	4,100	3,100	3,900	11.0	8.2	10.1
Portland SMSA	94,500	96,100	92,200	87,900	90,200	86,200	6,600	5,900	6,000	7.0	6.1	6.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	27,810	28,370	28,280	25,210	26,290	25,770	2,600	2,080	2,510	9.3	7.3	8.9
Bath-Brunswick	23,630	24,350	22,240	22,140	23,050	20,700	1,490	1,300	1,540	6.3	5.3	6.9
Belfast	10,220	10,400	10,160	8,680	8,970	8,660	1,540	1,430	1,500	15.1	13.8	14.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	6,520	6,830	6,800	5,750	6,230	6,110	770	600	690	11.8	8.8	10.1
Calais-Eastport	13,670	14,030	14,150	11,490	12,200	12,090	2,180	1,830	2,060	15.9	13.0	14.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	18,990	19,150	19,440	16,420	16,850	16,880	2,570	2,300	2,560	13.5	12.0	13.2
Central Penobscot	3,450	3,540	3,480	3,160	3,260	3,180	290	280	300	8.4	7.9	8.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,670	6,740	6,560	6,110	6,240	6,130	560	500	430	8.4	7.4	6.6
Ellsworth	17,930	18,560	18,490	15,750	17,020	16,450	2,190	1,540	2,040	12.2	8.3	11.0
Farmington	12,360	12,950	13,140	11,240	12,040	12,100	1,120	910	1,040	9.1	7.0	7.9
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,390	4,550	4,520	3,870	4,060	3,850	520	490	670	11.8	10.8	14.8
Greenville	1,680	1,780	1,450	1,500	1,600	1,360	180	180	90	10.7	10.1	6.2
Houlton	4,640	4,690	4,560	4,030	4,170	4,060	610	520	500	13.1	11.1	11.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,340	5,430	5,420	4,860	4,990	5,000	480	440	420	9.0	8.1	7.7
Livermore Falls	5,670	5,700	5,610	4,920	5,090	4,940	750	610	670	13.2	10.7	11.9
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,180	4,310	4,320	3,460	3,620	3,770	720	690	550	17.2	16.0	12.7
Mechanic Falls	2,360	2,350	2,270	1,970	2,030	1,860	390	320	410	16.5	13.6	18.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,040	5,080	5,330	4,670	4,760	4,930	370	320	400	7.3	6.3	7.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,350	2,310	2,340	2,060	2,060	2,120	290	250	220	12.3	10.8	9.4
Rockland	16,730	17,130	16,640	14,770	15,520	14,990	1,960	1,610	1,650	11.7	9.4	9.9
Rumford	19,350	19,670	20,310	17,060	17,840	18,130	2,290	1,830	2,180	11.8	9.3	10.7
Sebago Lake Region	9,860	10,100	10,170	8,840	9,260	9,290	1,020	840	880	10.3	8.3	8.7
Skowhegan	20,640	21,390	19,580	18,030	19,120	16,670	2,610	2,270	2,910	12.6	10.6	14.9
Kittery-York	17,330	17,800	16,830	16,310	16,960	16,060	1,020	840	770	5.9	4.7	4.6
Southwest Penobscot	7,990	8,040	7,670	6,850	7,020	6,590	1,140	1,020	1,080	14.3	12.8	14.1
Waterville	21,450	21,780	22,150	19,410	20,040	20,040	2,040	1,740	2,110	9.5	8.0	9.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,587.3	1,604.6	1,602.1	1,456.0	1,491.5	1,478.2	131.3	113.1	123.9	8.3	7.1	7.7
Massachusetts	2,997.0	3,003.0	2,992.0	2,759.0	2,790.0	2,754.0	238.0	214.0	238.0	7.9	7.1	8.0
New Hampshire	n/a	482.9	478.7	n/a	448.4	443.6	n/a	34.5	35.1	n/a	7.1	7.3
Rhode Island	n/a	488.2	472.5	n/a	434.9	427.0	n/a	53.3	45.5	n/a	10.9	9.6
Vermont	n/a	267.8	241.1	n/a	249.7	225.8	n/a	18.1	15.3	n/a	6.8	6.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,847.5	5,786.4	n/a	5,414.5	5,328.6	n/a	433.0	457.8	n/a	7.4	7.9
UNITED STATES 3/	109,800	110,477	108,014	97,300	98,849	97,831	12,500	11,628	10,183	11.4	10.5	9.4

Area Definitions
LMA – Labor Market Area
SMSA – Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised. All estimates for other New England States are preliminary.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	19,596	15,440	20,684	2,496	2,112	2,504	1,526	1,128	1,605
Insured Unemployment Rate *	5.1	3.9	5.3	3.1	2.5	3.2	4.8	3.5	4.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

IN THE NONMANUFACTURING SECTOR, CONSTRUCTION LOST 1,000 JOBS BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982. GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS HAVE PARTICULARLY SUFFERED FROM HIGH INTEREST RATES AND THE RESULTANT DECLINE IN BUILDING ACTIVITY. AS 1982 DREW TO A CLOSE, FALLING INTEREST RATES PROVIDED SOME HOPE FOR A REBOUND IN THIS INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYMENT IN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE DECLINED BY 1,600 OVER THE YEAR, WITH THE MOST SUBSTANTIVE JOB LOSSES IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES AND FOOD STORES. TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT FELL BY 300 DUE PRIMARILY TO RECESSION-INDUCED JOB LOSSES IN MOTOR FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING. BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS RESULTED IN A JOB LOSS OF 900 IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

PARTIALLY OFFSETTING THESE LOSSES WERE GAINS IN SERVICES (+500) AND FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE (+600). WITHIN THE SERVICES DIVISION THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYMENT INCREASES WERE IN HEALTH SERVICES AND AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION SERVICES. THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE DIVISION BENEFITED FROM INCREASED ACTIVITY IN BANKS AND INSURANCE CARRIERS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE REVIEW OF THE MAINE ECONOMY FOR 1982, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330 OR CALL (207) 289-2271.

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Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS BECAME AVAILABLE IN MAINE DURING THE LAST WEEK OF MARCH DUE TO THE RISING INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.

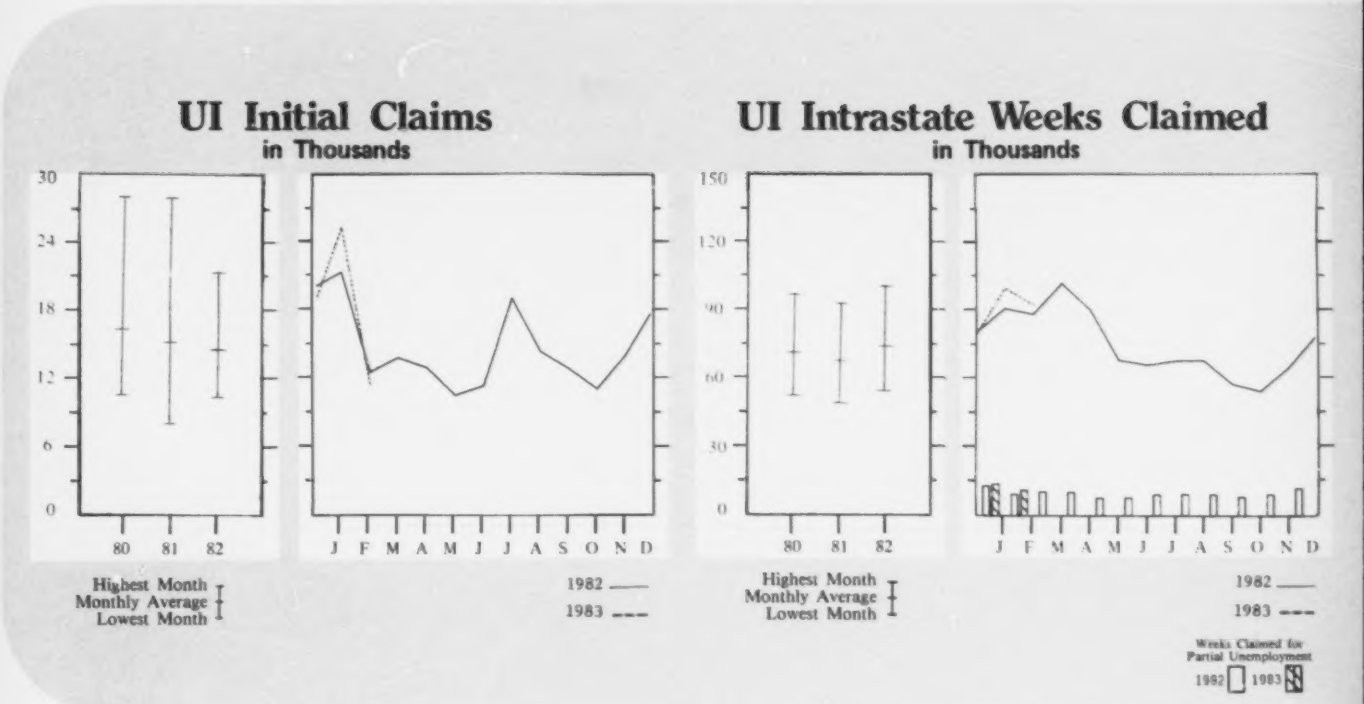
THE EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 13 WEEKS OF BENEFITS TO APPROXIMATELY 6,000 UNEMPLOYED MAINE WORKERS WHO HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR CLAIMS UNDER THE REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM. THE COST OF THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS IS SHARED EQUALLY BY THE FEDERAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SYSTEMS IN MOST INSTANCES AND THE FEDERAL MONEY DOES NOT HAVE TO BE REPAID.

EXTENDED BENEFITS ARE TRIGGERED STATEWIDE WHEN THE STATE INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE EQUALS OR EXCEEDS 6.0 PERCENT FOR 13 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

THE INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS A COMPARISON OF THOSE PEOPLE ACTUALLY DRAWING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR REGULAR BENEFITS WITH THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WORKERS COVERED BY THE PROGRAM. IT SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH THE TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WHICH MEASURES THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL LABOR FORCE WHICH IS UNEMPLOYED.

ELIGIBILITY NOTICES WILL BE MAILED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR EXTENDED BENEFITS.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, A PERSON MUST: 1) BE PARTIALLY OR TOTALLY UNEMPLOYED; 2) HAVE RECEIVED ALL THE BENEFITS UNDER A REGULAR STATE OR FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE BENEFIT YEAR HAS NOT EXPIRED, OR HAVE A BENEFIT YEAR WHICH ENDS WITHIN AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD; 3) HAVE BEEN PAID BASE PERIOD WAGES EQUAL TO AT LEAST 1½ TIMES THE PERSON'S HIGH QUARTER WAGES; AND 4) HAVE NO RIGHTS TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OR ALLOWANCES FROM ANY OTHER PROGRAM OR STATE.



NOT ALL OF THE UNEMPLOYED ARE JOB LOSERS

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS MAY BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR MAJOR GROUPS BY REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT: (1) JOB LOSERS - PERSONS WHOSE EMPLOYMENT ENDED INVOLUNTARILY WHO IMMEDIATELY BEGAN LOOKING FOR WORK, AND PERSONS ON LAYOFF; (2) JOB LEAVERS - PERSONS WHO QUIT OR OTHERWISE TERMINATED THEIR EMPLOYMENT VOLUNTARILY AND IMMEDIATELY BEGAN LOOKING FOR WORK; (3) REENTRANTS - PERSONS WHO PREVIOUSLY WORKED AT A FULL-TIME JOB LASTING 2 WEEKS OR LONGER, DROPPED OUT OF THE LABOR FORCE, AND THEN REENTERED THE LABOR FORCE LOOKING FOR WORK; (4) NEW ENTRANTS - PERSONS WHO NEVER WORKED AT A FULL-TIME JOB LASTING 2 WEEKS OR MORE, BUT WERE LOOKING FOR WORK.

AN AVERAGE OF 44,000 PEOPLE WERE UNEMPLOYED IN MAINE DURING 1982. OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED, 58 PERCENT (25,500) LOST THEIR JOBS, 7.3 PERCENT (3,200) LEFT THEIR JOBS, AND 34.7 PERCENT (15,300) WERE EITHER REENTRANTS OR NEW ENTRANTS TO THE LABOR FORCE. AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL DURING 1982, 58.7 PERCENT OF THE UNEMPLOYED WERE JOB LOSERS, 7.9 PERCENT WERE JOB LEAVERS, AND 33.4 PERCENT WERE EITHER REENTRANTS OR NEW ENTRANTS.

WITH THE NATIONAL ECONOMY MIRED IN A RECESSION, UNEMPLOYMENT IN MAINE INCREASED BY AN AVERAGE OF 7,000 BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982. MOST OF THE RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY AN INCREASE OF 5,500 JOB LOSERS.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED JOB LEAVERS DECLINED SLIGHTLY BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982. WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE, INDIVIDUALS WERE MORE RELUCTANT TO LEAVE THEIR PRESENT JOBS AND SEEK ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT.

REENTRANT AND NEW ENTRANT UNEMPLOYMENT ROSE BY APPROXIMATELY 1,800, REFLECTING THE CONTINUING DEMANDS OF A GROWING LABOR FORCE ON MAINE'S ECONOMY.

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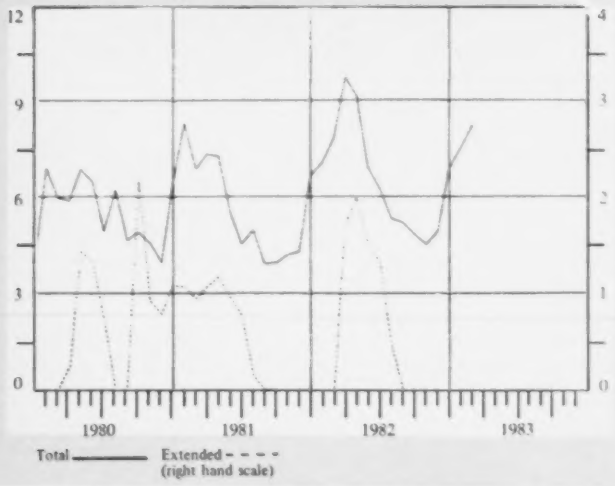
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

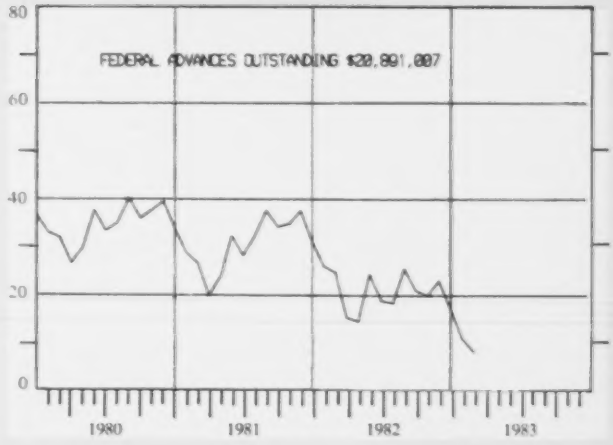
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

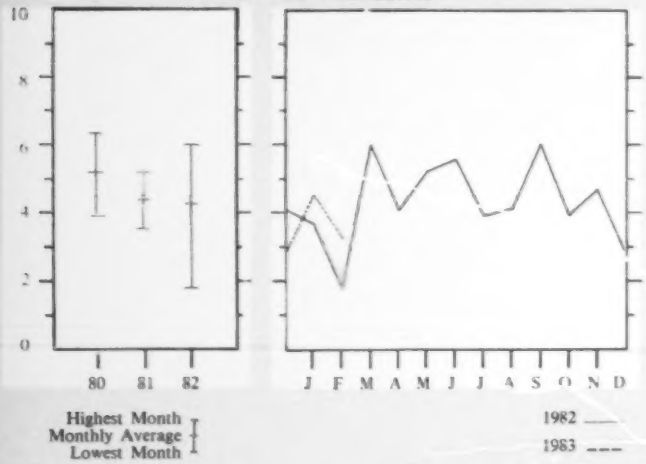
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	396.9	397.4	398.9	94.8	94.4	91.7	32.5	32.5	33.0
Total Manufacturing	104.0	104.7	107.3	16.5	16.7	17.0	10.4	10.4	11.0
Durable Goods	37.8	38.1	39.7	6.3	6.4	7.2	1.8	1.8	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.4	11.6	12.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.2	14.1	16.2	5.6	5.6	6.4	1.5	1.5	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.2	12.4	11.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Nondurable Goods	66.2	66.6	67.6	10.2	10.3	9.8	8.6	8.6	9.0
Food and Kindred Products	7.9	8.0	8.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.8	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.4	7.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.8
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.4	17.5	17.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.8	20.0	19.8	3.3	3.4	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.5	16.5	16.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.7	2.7	2.8
All Other	3.3	3.5	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.5
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.7	9.7	9.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	2.6	2.5	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	292.9	292.7	291.6	78.3	77.7	74.7	22.1	22.1	22.0
Contract Construction	13.4	14.9	12.5	3.5	3.7	3.4	1.0	1.0	1.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.1	17.0	18.2	5.8	5.8	5.7	1.3	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	82.1	83.6	83.0	24.9	25.1	24.1	7.7	7.8	7.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	17.9	17.9	17.0	8.6	8.5	7.7	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	77.8	77.7	76.8	21.4	21.3	20.3	7.3	7.3	7.4
Government	84.6	81.6	84.1	14.1	13.3	13.5	3.2	3.2	3.0
Federal	18.0	18.0	17.9	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	66.6	63.6	66.2	12.7	11.9	12.1	2.9	2.9	2.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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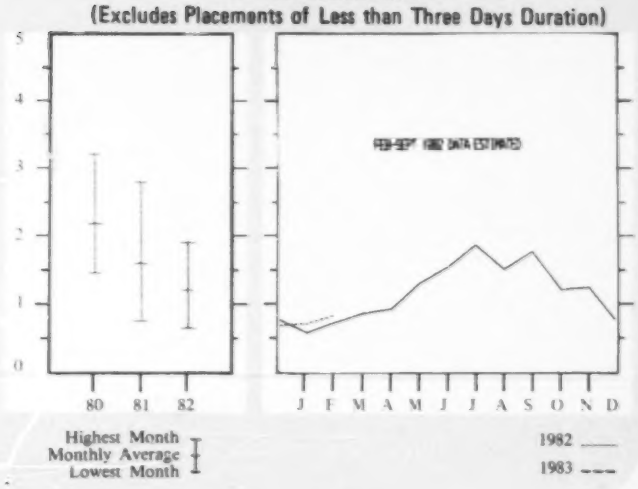


Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$288.78	$300.05	$278.50	38.3	39.9	39.9	$7.54	$7.52	$6.98	$7.22	$6.66	$6.00
Durable Goods	307.13	324.81	293.20	38.2	40.1	40.0	8.04	8.10	7.33	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	283.04	290.97	268.77	38.3	38.9	39.7	7.39	7.48	6.77	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	288.75	296.25	280.50	38.5	39.5	39.9	7.50	7.50	7.03	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	353.61	392.18	340.63	37.9	41.9	40.6	9.33	9.36	8.39	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	278.06	284.65	269.84	38.3	39.7	39.8	7.26	7.17	6.78	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	215.68	231.04	220.02	34.9	38.0	38.0	6.18	6.08	5.79	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	217.16	221.45	211.58	38.3	39.9	39.4	5.67	5.55	5.37	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	180.58	199.97	187.17	34.2	37.1	36.7	5.28	5.39	5.10	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	470.40	472.93	440.09	44.8	45.3	45.7	10.50	10.44	9.63	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	196.35	204.24	199.80	35.7	37.0	37.0	5.50	5.52	5.40	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	242.14	249.94	231.95	36.8	38.1	37.9	6.58	6.56	6.12	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	266.52	284.25	275.80	35.3	37.9	39.4	7.55	7.50	7.00	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	228.75	232.70	214.48	37.5	38.4	37.3	6.10	6.06	5.75	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force*	209.9	206.1	207.0
Unemployed	20.3	18.9	17.3
(Percent)	9.7	9.2	8.4
Resident Employed	188.6	187.2	189.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	293.2	293.1	283.4	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month	0.0
Percent Change from Last December	+0.3
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.5

* Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	504.1	495.3	496.1	449.2	445.9	449.0	54.9	49.4	47.1	10.9	10.0	9.5
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,400	41,700	41,900	38,600	38,100	38,400	3,800	3,600	3,500	9.0	8.6	8.4
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	31,600	31,500	31,400	27,800	28,100	28,400	3,800	3,400	3,000	12.0	10.8	9.6
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,000	37,400	38,200	33,600	33,300	34,400	4,400	4,100	3,800	11.6	11.0	9.9
Portland SMSA	96,300	94,500	93,100	88,900	87,900	86,700	7,400	6,600	6,400	7.7	7.0	6.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,420	27,810	28,470	25,690	25,210	25,920	2,730	2,600	2,550	9.6	9.3	9.0
Bath-Brunswick	24,070	23,630	22,240	22,410	22,140	20,770	1,660	1,490	1,470	6.9	6.3	6.6
Belfast	10,570	10,220	10,230	8,820	8,680	8,710	1,750	1,540	1,520	16.6	15.1	14.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	6,710	6,520	6,820	5,820	5,750	6,100	890	770	720	13.3	11.8	10.6
Calais-Eastport	14,090	13,670	14,170	11,650	11,490	12,080	2,440	2,180	2,090	17.3	15.9	14.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	19,590	18,990	19,400	16,660	16,420	16,960	2,930	2,570	2,440	15.0	13.5	12.6
Central Penobscot	3,480	3,450	3,370	3,160	3,160	3,030	320	290	340	9.2	8.4	10.1
Dover-Foxcroft	6,750	6,670	6,610	6,140	6,110	6,150	610	560	460	9.0	8.4	7.0
Ellsworth	18,260	17,930	18,250	15,720	15,750	16,140	2,540	2,180	2,110	13.9	12.2	11.6
Farmington	12,600	12,360	13,290	11,460	11,240	12,270	1,140	1,120	1,020	9.0	9.1	7.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,530	4,390	4,580	3,940	3,870	3,930	590	520	650	13.0	11.8	14.2
Greenville	1,670	1,680	1,440	1,470	1,500	1,360	200	180	80	12.0	10.7	5.6
Houlton	4,700	4,640	4,520	4,050	4,030	4,050	650	610	470	13.8	13.1	10.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,450	5,340	5,420	4,920	4,860	4,930	530	480	490	9.7	9.0	9.0
Livermore Falls	5,690	5,670	5,610	4,860	4,920	4,880	830	750	730	14.6	13.2	13.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,290	4,180	4,160	3,430	3,460	3,580	860	720	580	20.0	17.2	13.9
Mechanic Falls	2,490	2,360	2,280	2,030	1,970	1,860	460	390	420	18.5	16.5	18.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,080	5,040	5,280	4,670	4,670	4,830	410	370	450	8.1	7.3	8.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,350	2,350	2,290	2,050	2,060	2,050	300	290	240	12.8	12.3	10.5
Rockland	17,000	16,730	16,860	14,640	14,770	15,090	2,360	1,960	1,770	13.9	11.7	10.5
Rumford	19,300	19,350	20,320	16,860	17,060	18,070	2,440	2,290	2,250	12.6	11.8	11.1
Sebago Lake Region	10,110	9,860	10,070	8,920	8,840	9,080	1,190	1,020	990	11.8	10.3	9.8
Skowhegan	21,190	20,640	19,530	18,320	18,030	16,690	2,870	2,610	2,840	13.5	12.6	14.5
Kittery-York	17,380	17,330	16,690	16,270	16,310	15,920	1,110	1,020	770	6.4	5.9	4.6
Southwest Penobscot	8,300	7,990	7,700	6,970	6,850	6,630	1,330	1,140	1,070	16.0	14.3	13.9
Waterville	21,820	21,450	22,070	19,430	19,410	20,050	2,390	2,040	2,020	11.0	9.5	9.2
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,589.3	1,587.3	1,585.6	1,457.9	1,456.0	1,469.5	131.4	131.3	116.1	8.3	8.3	7.3
Massachusetts	2,904.0	2,997.0	2,953.0	2,667.0	2,759.0	2,707.0	238.0	238.0	246.1	8.2	7.9	8.3
New Hampshire	n/a	486.0	477.0	n/a	445.0	441.8	n/a	41.0	35.2	n/a	8.5	7.4
Rhode Island	478.4	482.0	476.5	420.6	423.0	426.9	57.8	59.0	49.5	12.1	12.2	10.4
Vermont	n/a	261.0	261.4	n/a	240.0	243.0	n/a	21.0	18.4	n/a	8.0	7.0
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,813.3	5,753.5	n/a	5,323.0	5,288.2	n/a	490.3	465.3	n/a	8.4	8.1
UNITED STATES 3/	109,647	109,800	108,324	97,265	97,300	97,946	12,382	12,500	10,378	11.3	11.4	9.6

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

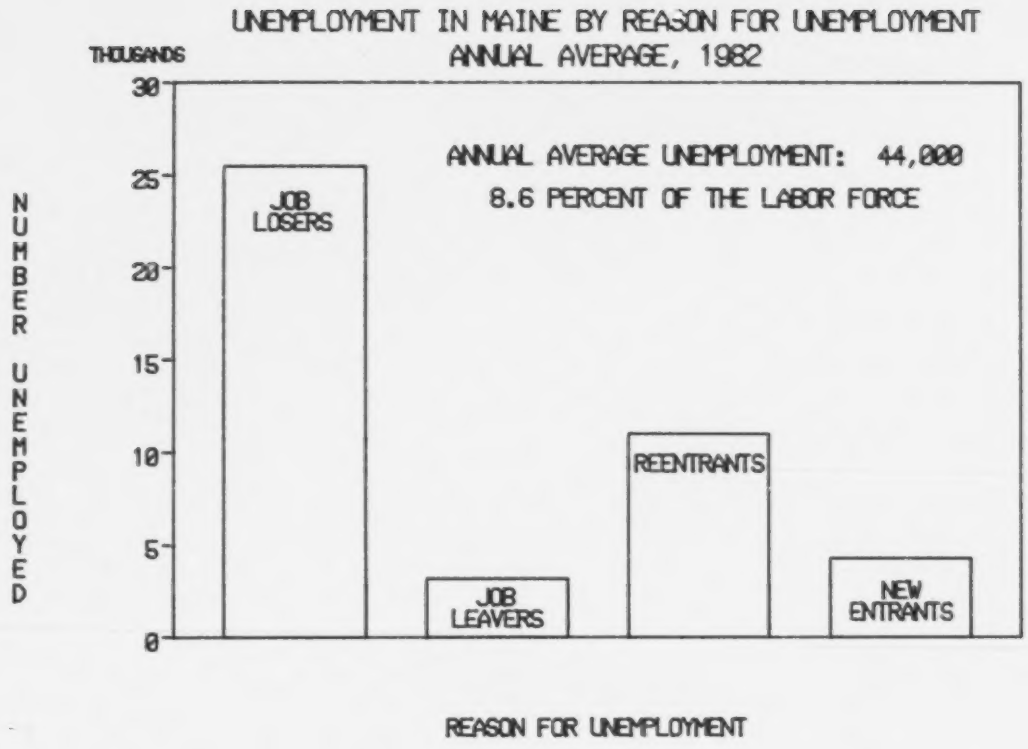
Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	20,301	19,596	20,442	2,689	2,496	2,564	1,586	1,526	1,717
Insured Unemployment Rate *	5.3	5.1	5.3	3.3	3.1	3.3	5.0	4.8	5.3

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.



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Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

PRIVATE EMPLOYERS MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THROUGH THE TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT (TJTC) PROGRAM EXTENDED BY CONGRESS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THE PURPOSE OF THE TJTC PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS WITH AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE TO HIRE WORKERS FROM CERTAIN GROUPS OF DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS. THE EMPLOYERS' INCENTIVE, IN TURN, IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO OTHERWISE WOULD BE UNABLE TO FIND JOBS.

BEGINNING MAY 1, AN EMPLOYER WHO HIRES AN ELIGIBLE YOUNG PERSON, AGE 16 THROUGH 17, FOR UP TO 90 DAYS OF SUMMER EMPLOYMENT WILL RECEIVE A TAX CREDIT OF 85% OF THE FIRST $3,000 PAID TO THAT EMPLOYEE. FOR SOME EMPLOYERS THE EFFECTIVE COST OF HIRING A DISADVANTAGED YOUTH THIS SUMMER WILL BE LESS THAN $1.00 PER HOUR. THE SUMMER YOUTH TAX CREDIT WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM MAY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15.

ALTHOUGH DISADVANTAGED SUMMER YOUTH PROVIDE EMPLOYERS WITH THE LARGEST PERCENT OF SALARY ALLOWABLE AS TAX CREDIT, ANY PRIVATE EMPLOYER HIRING SOMEONE FROM A VARIETY OF GROUPS SUCH AS GENERAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS, SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) OR AFDC RECIPIENTS, OR DISADVANTAGED VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS MAY ALSO RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL TAX CREDITS.

EMPLOYERS OR INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN THE TJTC PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE NEAREST OFFICE OF THE MAINE JOB SERVICE. THE JOB SERVICE ESTABLISHES AN INDIVIDUAL'S ELIGIBILITY AND ISSUES VOUCHERS TO WORKERS WHO APPEAR TO QUALIFY. FINAL CERTIFICATION OF ANY EMPLOYER'S TAX CREDIT UNDER THE TJTC PROGRAM IS ALSO MADE BY THE JOB SERVICE.

THE JOB SERVICE HAS LOCAL OFFICES ACROSS THE STATE. A LIST OF THESE OFFICES WITH THE MANAGERS' NAMES IS PROVIDED ON PAGE 6.

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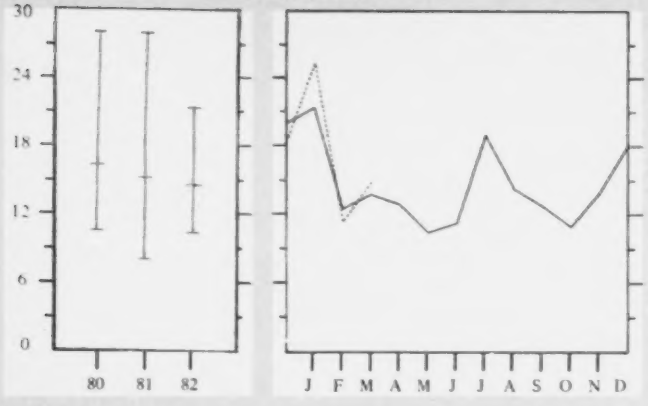

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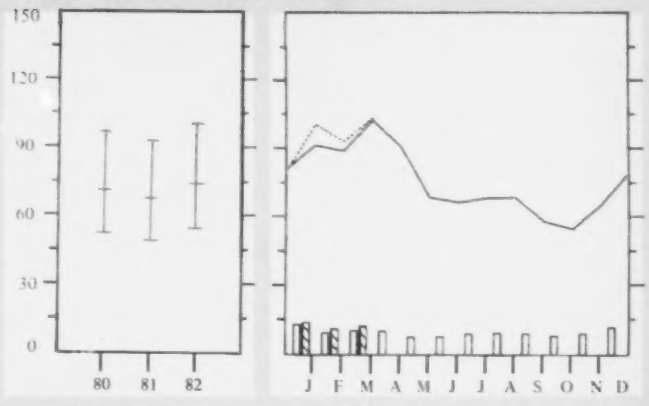

1982 -- A YEAR OF SHIFTING PATTERNS IN UNEMPLOYMENT

DURING THE PAST YEAR THE NATIONAL RECESSION HAS PROVED TO BE HARDER ON MEN THAN WOMEN IN TERMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN MAINE INCREASED FROM 37,000 IN 1981 TO 44,000 IN 1982. OF THIS INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT, 5,000 WERE MEN AND 2,000 WERE WOMEN. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MEN ROSE FROM 6.7 PERCENT IN 1981 TO 8.6 PERCENT IN 1982, WHILE THE RATE FOR WOMEN ROSE FROM 7.9 PERCENT TO 8.5 PERCENT.

A SIMILAR SHIFT OCCURRED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MEN ROSE FROM 7.4 PERCENT IN 1981 TO 9.9 PERCENT IN 1982, WHILE THE RATE FOR WOMEN ROSE FROM 7.9 PERCENT TO 9.4 PERCENT.

A HIGHER RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR MEN COMPARED TO WOMEN REPRESENTS A DEPARTURE FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF PAST YEARS AT BOTH THE NATIONAL AND STATE LEVELS. THIS APPEARS TO BE DUE IN PART TO THE RECESSION WHICH HAS HAD A SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE INDUSTRY SECTOR IN WHICH MEN ARE CONCENTRATED. OF THE 8,600 NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS LOST BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982 IN MAINE, 83 PERCENT WERE IN THE GOODS-PRODUCING INDUSTRIES (MANUFACTURING, MINING, CONSTRUCTION). MEN COMPRISED ALMOST 70 PERCENT OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE GOODS-PRODUCING INDUSTRIES DURING 1982.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES IN WHICH MEN ARE CONCENTRATED RECORDED THE GREATEST INCREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT. THE NUMBER OF EXPERIENCED UNEMPLOYED BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS ROSE BY AN AVERAGE OF 7,000 IN MAINE BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982. UNEMPLOYMENT FOR EXPERIENCED WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS ROSE SLIGHTLY, WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT FOR EXPERIENCED SERVICE WORKERS REMAINED UNCHANGED. DURING 1982 MEN FILLED 77 PERCENT OF BLUE-COLLAR JOBS, BUT ONLY 47 PERCENT OF WHITE-COLLAR POSITIONS. ALMOST 70 PERCENT OF SERVICE OCCUPATIONS WERE FILLED BY WOMEN.

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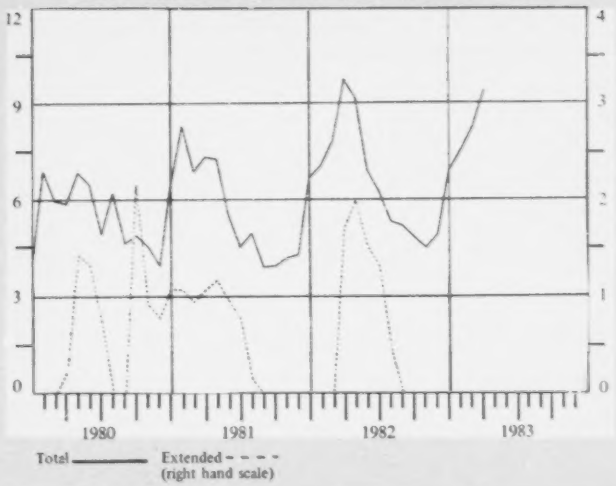
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

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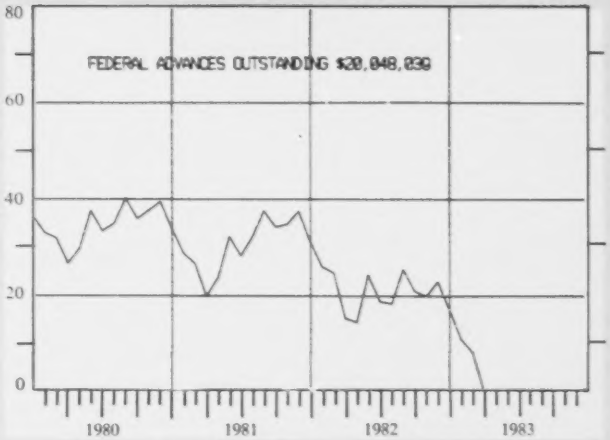


Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

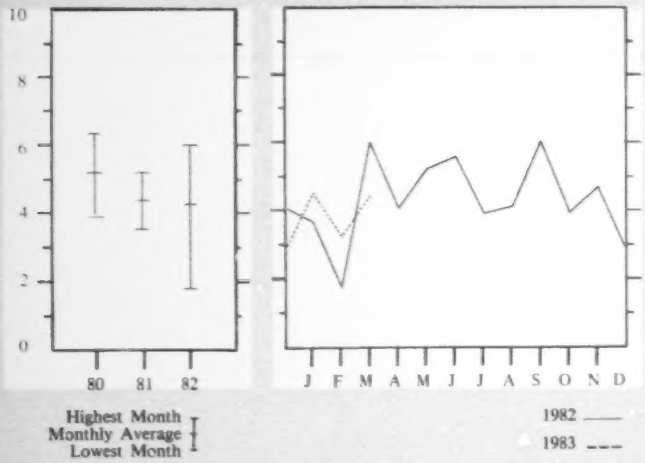
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	396.8	396.9	398.7	94.8	94.8	91.7	32.9	32.5	33.1
Total Manufacturing	103.8	104.0	106.7	16.4	16.5	16.9	10.6	10.4	11.0
Durable Goods	37.4	37.8	39.0	5.3	6.3	7.2	1.9	1.8	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.1	11.4	11.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.1	14.2	16.1	5.5	5.6	6.4	1.5	1.5	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.2	12.2	11.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
Nondurable Goods	66.4	65.2	67.7	10.1	10.2	9.7	8.7	8.6	9.0
Food and Kindred Products	7.9	7.9	8.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.9	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.6	6.4	7.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.8
Apparel	4.9	5.0	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.3	17.4	17.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.1	19.8	19.7	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.7	16.5	16.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.8	2.7	2.7
All Other	3.4	3.3	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.6	9.7	9.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	2.5	2.6	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	293.0	292.9	292.0	78.4	78.3	74.8	22.3	22.1	22.1
Contract Construction	13.3	13.4	12.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	1.1	1.0	1.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.1	17.1	18.0	5.8	5.8	5.7	1.3	1.3	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	82.3	82.1	83.5	24.9	24.9	23.9	7.8	7.7	7.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	17.9	17.9	17.1	8.6	8.6	7.8	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	78.3	77.8	77.0	21.5	21.4	20.2	7.4	7.3	7.4
Government	84.1	84.6	83.8	14.1	14.1	13.7	3.1	3.2	3.1
Federal	18.0	18.0	18.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	66.1	66.6	65.8	12.7	12.7	12.3	2.8	2.9	2.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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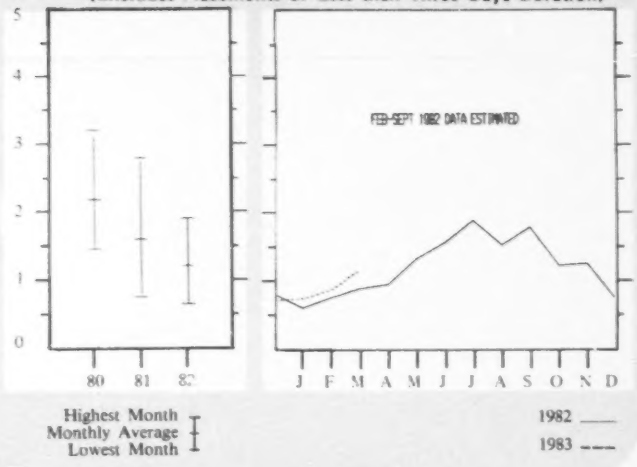
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$298.98	$288.78	$276.31	39.6	38.3	39.7	$7.55	$7.54	$6.96	$7.22	$6.66	$6.00
Durable Goods	320.40	307.13	294.58	39.9	38.2	40.8	8.03	8.04	7.22	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	283.68	283.04	257.68	39.4	38.3	39.4	7.20	7.39	6.54	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	296.29	288.75	279.34	39.4	38.5	41.2	7.52	7.50	6.78	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	386.75	353.61	356.97	41.1	37.9	41.8	9.41	9.33	8.54	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	286.83	278.06	266.27	39.4	38.3	39.1	7.28	7.26	6.81	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	225.79	215.68	205.25	36.3	34.9	36.2	6.22	6.18	5.67	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	220.02	217.16	211.75	38.0	38.3	38.5	5.79	5.67	5.50	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	191.00	180.58	180.60	35.7	34.2	35.0	5.35	5.28	5.16	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	482.90	470.40	438.62	45.6	44.8	45.5	10.59	10.50	9.64	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	206.09	196.35	200.39	37.0	35.7	36.5	5.57	5.50	5.49	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	257.40	242.14	232.79	39.0	36.8	38.1	6.60	6.58	6.11	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	283.13	266.52	272.74	37.7	35.3	39.7	7.51	7.55	6.87	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	236.73	228.75	210.46	39.0	37.5	36.1	6.07	6.10	5.83	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	213.1	208.9	211.5
Unemployed	19.8	20.3	18.0
(Percent)	9.3	9.7	8.5
Resident Employed	193.3	188.6	193.5

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	293.4	293.2	283.1	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1
Percent Change from Last December	+0.3
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.6

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

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Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment
in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	514.0	504.1	498.4	459.0	449.2	450.4	55.0	54.9	48.0	10.7	10.9	9.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,900	42,400	41,700	39,900	38,600	38,200	4,000	3,800	3,500	9.1	9.0	8.4
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	31,900	31,600	31,300	28,200	27,800	28,300	3,700	3,800	3,000	11.6	12.0	9.6
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,600	38,000	38,500	34,500	33,600	34,500	4,100	4,400	4,000	10.6	11.6	10.4
Portland SMSA	97,900	96,300	93,200	90,400	88,900	86,800	7,500	7,400	6,400	7.7	7.7	6.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,830	28,420	28,750	26,110	25,690	26,120	2,720	2,730	2,630	9.4	9.6	9.1
Bath-Brunswick	24,420	24,070	22,330	22,710	22,410	20,920	1,710	1,660	1,410	7.0	6.9	6.3
Belfast	10,670	10,570	10,460	8,920	8,820	9,010	1,750	1,750	1,450	16.4	16.6	13.9
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	6,950	6,710	6,980	6,050	5,820	6,260	900	890	720	12.9	13.3	10.3
Calais Eastport	14,350	14,090	14,310	11,870	11,650	12,240	2,480	2,440	2,070	17.3	17.3	14.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	19,810	19,590	19,430	16,890	16,660	16,930	2,920	2,930	2,500	14.7	15.0	12.9
Central Penobscot	3,490	3,480	3,560	3,140	3,160	3,200	350	320	360	10.0	9.2	10.1
Dover-Foxcroft	6,900	6,750	6,610	6,240	6,140	6,120	660	610	490	9.6	9.0	7.4
Ellsworth	19,160	18,260	18,720	16,610	15,720	16,660	2,550	2,540	2,060	13.3	13.9	11.0
Farmington	12,750	12,600	13,180	11,560	11,460	12,050	1,190	1,140	1,130	9.3	9.0	8.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,570	4,530	4,500	3,920	3,940	3,640	650	590	860	14.2	13.0	19.1
Greenville	1,460	1,670	1,290	1,280	1,470	1,200	180	200	90	12.3	12.0	7.0
Houlton	4,780	4,700	4,550	4,110	4,050	4,030	670	650	520	14.0	13.8	11.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,460	5,450	5,380	4,850	4,920	4,800	610	530	580	11.2	9.7	10.8
Livermore Falls	5,830	5,690	5,670	5,020	4,860	4,900	810	830	770	13.9	14.6	13.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,620	4,290	4,180	3,760	3,430	3,590	860	860	590	18.6	20.0	14.1
Mechanic Falls	2,460	2,490	2,320	2,050	2,030	1,920	410	460	400	16.7	18.5	17.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,270	5,080	5,320	4,760	4,670	4,830	510	410	490	9.7	8.1	9.2
Patten-Island Falls	2,360	2,350	2,290	2,050	2,050	1,990	310	300	300	13.1	12.8	13.1
Rockland	17,300	17,000	16,950	14,950	14,640	15,270	2,350	2,360	1,680	13.6	13.9	9.9
Rumford	19,730	19,300	20,260	17,370	16,860	17,990	2,360	2,440	2,270	12.0	12.6	11.2
Sebago Lake Region	10,320	10,110	10,140	9,080	8,920	9,080	1,240	1,190	1,060	12.0	11.8	10.5
Skowhegan	21,530	21,190	19,490	18,700	18,320	16,680	2,830	2,870	2,810	13.1	13.5	14.4
Kittery-York	18,150	17,380	17,240	17,120	16,270	16,490	1,030	1,110	750	5.7	6.4	4.4
Southwest Penobscot	8,410	8,300	7,720	7,100	6,970	6,650	1,310	1,330	1,070	15.6	16.0	13.9
Waterville	22,120	21,820	22,140	19,770	19,430	20,090	2,350	2,390	2,050	10.6	11.0	9.3
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,589.3	1,591.5	n/a	1,457.9	1,479.0	n/a	131.4	112.5	n/a	8.3	7.1
Massachusetts	2,956.0	2,904.0	2,968.5	2,719.0	2,667.0	2,742.5	237.0	238.0	225.9	8.0	8.2	7.6
New Hampshire	n/a	488.9	478.5	n/a	447.8	444.0	n/a	41.1	34.5	n/a	8.4	7.2
Rhode Island	474.3	478.4	479.7	421.8	420.6	428.0	52.5	57.8	50.9	11.1	12.1	10.6
Vermont	n/a	261.0	263.2	n/a	240.0	244.6	n/a	21.0	18.6	n/a	8.1	7.1
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,722.6	5,781.3	n/a	5,233.3	5,338.9	n/a	489.3	442.4	n/a	8.6	7.7
UNITED STATES 3/	109,873	109,647	108,761	97,994	97,265	98,471	11,879	12,382	10,290	10.8	11.3	9.5

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	19,216	20,301	20,676	2,665	2,689	2,642	1,338	1,586	1,807
Insured Unemployment Rate *	5.0	5.3	5.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	4.2	5.0	5.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

JOB SERVICE LOCAL OFFICES

LOCATION	MANAGER	TELEPHONE
AUGUSTA	ROBERT O. OUELLETTE	289-2601
BANGOR	RALPH G. GRANT	942-6351
BELFAST	MICHAEL SABATTUS	338-1755
BIDDEFORD	RICHARD A. HODGDON	282-1581
BRUNSWICK	G. DAVID HILL	725-8787
CALAIS	EVERETT WEBB	454-7551
DOVER-FOXCROFT	D. ALAN COY	564-8358
ELLSWORTH	MALCOLM C. MCDOWELL	667-2556
HOULTON	ROBERT LYONS	532-9416
LEWISTON	PAUL MICHEL	783-9171
MADAWASKA	JOHN A. YOUNG	728-6054
NORWAY	STEPHANIE EMENS (U.S. REP.)	743-7763
PORTLAND	GARY E. WHITNEY	775-4141
PRESQUE ISLE	DANIEL FONGEMIE	764-0351
ROCKLAND	MICHAEL SABATTUS	596-0321
RUMFORD	LORRAINE F. RICHARDSON	364-3718
SANFORD	STEPHEN GRIFFIN	324-5460
SKOWHEGAN	RICHARD E. NICKERSON	474-5111
WATERVILLE	SHARON LABBE	872-5513

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IS PLANNING A ONE-DAY SERVICES FAIR FOR PRIVATE EMPLOYERS ON JUNE 22 AT THE AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SERVICES FAIR IS TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS OF INDIVIDUALS IN PRIVATE BUSINESS OF THE MANY DIFFERENT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THEM FROM GOVERNMENT.

GOVERNOR JOSEPH E. BRENNAN WILL DELIVER OPENING REMARKS TO BE FOLLOWED BY A REVIEW OF THE INFORMATIONAL EXHIBITS ON MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SERVICES, AS WELL AS SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING THE STATE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, THE NEW ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE, THE MAINE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, AND MANY OTHERS.

EMPLOYERS OR EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVES OF LARGE AND SMALL BUSINESSES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. THE OPENING SESSION IS AT 9:00 A.M., JUNE 22 IN THE NORTH WING OF THE AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ALONE PROVIDES SAFETY CONSULTATIONS, EMPLOYEE REFERRALS, TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATIONS, HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING INFORMATION, AND NUMEROUS OTHER SERVICES WHICH WE FEEL ARE UNDERUTILIZED BY BUSINESSES BECAUSE MANY EMPLOYERS ARE NOT AWARE OF THE FULL RANGE OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE. WE BELIEVE THE SERVICES FAIR WILL PROVIDE PRIVATE EMPLOYERS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF USEFUL INFORMATION AND ALSO DEMONSTRATE THAT WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT PUBLIC-PRIVATE SECTOR COOPERATION.

INTERESTED EMPLOYERS, AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AT 289-3788 OR 289-2695 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

UI Initial Claims

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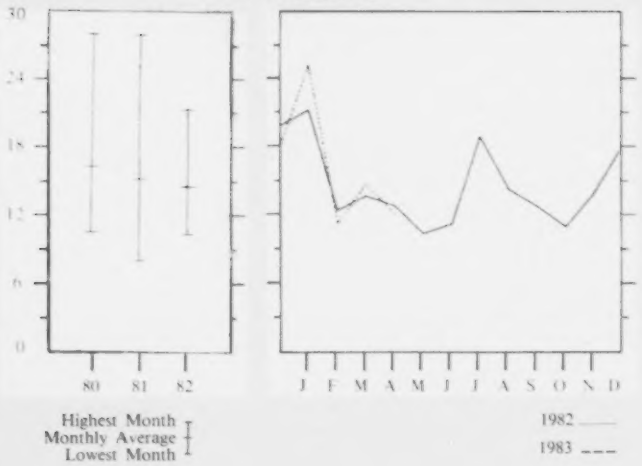

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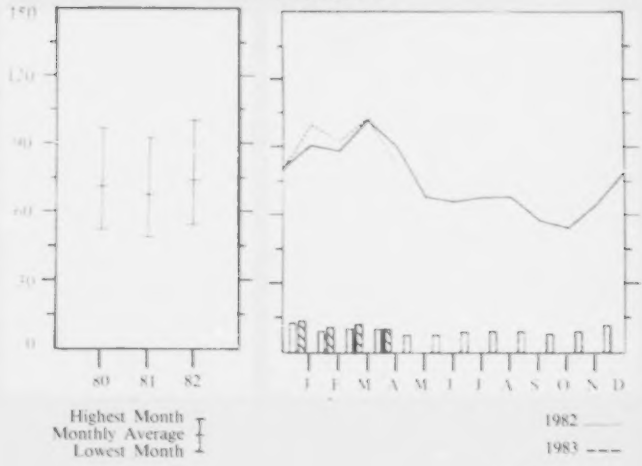

MAINE'S LABOR FORCE: STRONG GROWTH DURING THE 1970s--WILL IT CONTINUE?

MAINE'S CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE GREW FROM AN AVERAGE OF 410,300 IN 1970 TO 507,000 IN 1980. THIS GAIN OF 97,000 REPRESENTED A GROWTH RATE OF 23.6 PERCENT, MORE THAN DOUBLE THE GROWTH RATE OF THE PREVIOUS DECADE. THE SAME FACTORS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO STRONG GROWTH DURING THE 1970s ARE POINTING TO SLOWER GROWTH DURING THE 1980s.

THREE FACTORS HAD A STRONG INFLUENCE ON THE FAST PACE OF LABOR FORCE GROWTH RECORDED DURING THE 1970s:

- A NET MIGRATION INTO MAINE OF 75,000 PEOPLE OCCURRED IN THE 1970s. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WERE RELATIVELY WELL-EDUCATED YOUNG ADULTS--INDIVIDUALS LIKELY TO ENTER THE LABOR FORCE. THIS WAS A REVERSAL OF A LONG-TERM TREND OF NET OUT-MIGRATION (SEE GRAPH ON PAGE 6).
- WOMEN ENTERED THE LABOR FORCE IN LARGE NUMBERS--THE PARTICIPATION RATE OF WOMEN IN THE LABOR FORCE GREW FROM 41.2 PERCENT IN 1970 TO 50.3 PERCENT IN 1980.
- THE BABY-BOOM GENERATION, BORN BETWEEN 1945 AND THE EARLY 1960s, ENTERED THE LABOR FORCE IN THE 1970s.

PROJECTIONS TO 1990 INDICATE THAT MAINE'S LABOR FORCE SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXPAND DURING THE 1980s, BUT AT A SLOWER RATE THAN THAT RECORDED DURING THE 1970s. THIS ANTICIPATED SLOWER GROWTH RATE IS DUE IN PART TO AN APPARENT SLACKENING OF THE FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCED THE FAST EXPANSION OF THE 1970s.

- THE NET EFFECT OF PEOPLE MOVING INTO AND OUT OF MAINE DURING THE 1980s WILL PLAY A LARGE PART IN DETERMINING HOW FAST THE LABOR FORCE GROWS. RECENTLY RELEASED DATA INDICATE THAT POPULATION GROWTH DUE TO MIGRATION MAY BE SLOWING. POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR 1981 SHOWED A NET IN-MIGRATION OF ONLY 288 OVER THE YEAR, COMPARED TO AN AVERAGE OF 7,500 YEARLY BETWEEN 1970 AND 1980.
- THE FEMALE PARTICIPATION RATE, WHICH WAS 50.3 PERCENT IN 1980, ROSE TO ONLY 50.4 PERCENT IN 1982--IN CONTRAST TO AN AVERAGE 0.9 PERCENTAGE POINT GAIN EACH YEAR BETWEEN 1970 AND 1980.
- LOWER BIRTH RATES DURING THE LATE 1960s AND 1970s MEAN THAT FEWER YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ENTERING THE LABOR FORCE DURING THE 1980s.

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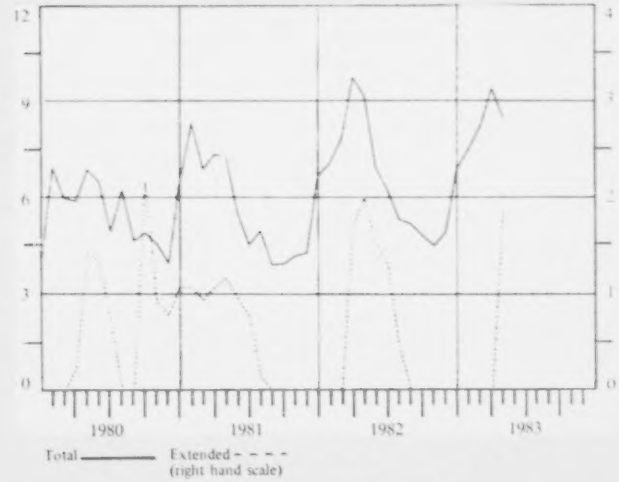

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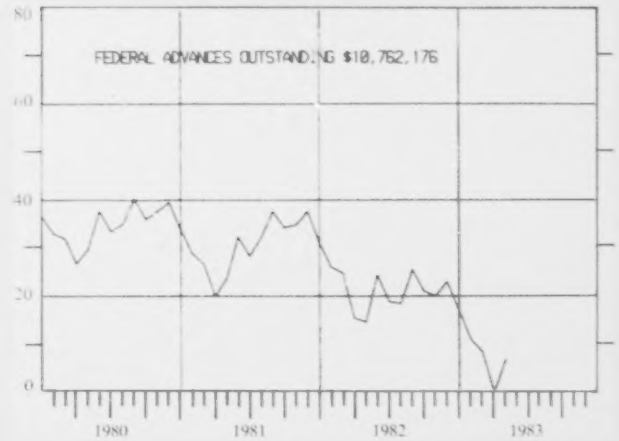

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	399.9	396.8	403.4	96.4	94.8	93.1	33.2	32.9	33.3
Total Manufacturing	103.3	103.8	106.6	15.5	16.4	17.0	10.8	10.6	11.1
Durable Goods	36.7	37.4	38.4	6.4	6.3	7.1	1.9	1.5	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	10.2	11.1	10.8	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.2	14.1	16.0	5.6	5.5	6.4	1.5	1.5	1.6
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.3	12.2	11.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	66.6	66.4	68.2	10.1	10.1	9.9	8.9	9.1	9.1
Food and Kindred Products	7.8	7.9	8.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.6	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.3	1.9
Apparel	4.9	4.9	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	n/a	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.4	17.3	17.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.1	20.1	20.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.8	16.7	16.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.8	2.8	2.8
All Other	3.3	3.4	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.7	9.6	9.8	4.7	4.7	4.6	2.5	2.5	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	296.6	293.0	296.8	79.9	78.4	76.1	22.4	22.3	22.2
Contract Construction	14.3	13.3	13.9	4.0	3.5	3.8	1.2	1.1	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.1	17.1	18.3	5.9	5.8	6.0	1.3	1.3	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	84.5	82.3	85.3	25.2	24.9	24.7	7.6	7.8	7.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.0	17.9	17.5	8.7	8.6	8.1	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	78.7	78.3	78.1	21.9	21.5	20.5	7.5	7.4	7.4
Government	84.0	84.1	83.7	14.2	14.1	13.4	3.0	3.1	3.1
Federal	17.9	18.0	18.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	66.1	66.1	65.7	12.8	12.7	12.0	2.7	2.8	2.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

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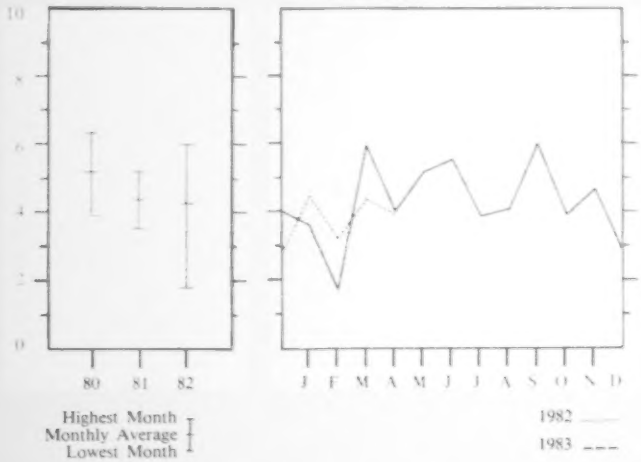

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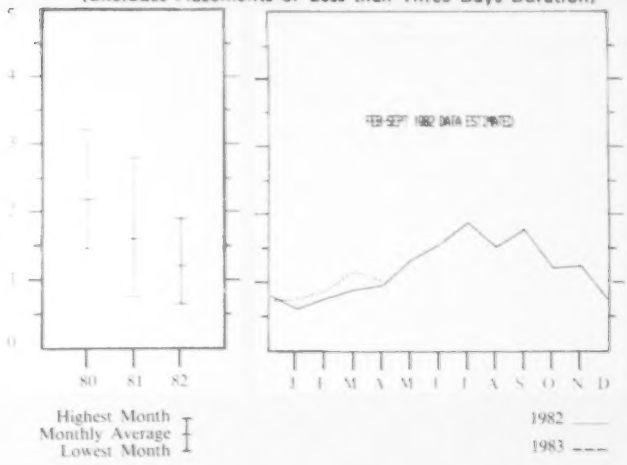

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$296.91	$298.98	$283.61	39.8	39.6	40.4	$7.46	$7.55	$7.02	$7.22	$6.66	$6.00
Durable Goods	315.61	320.40	295.00	39.5	39.9	40.8	7.99	8.03	7.25	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	271.91	283.68	256.36	38.9	39.4	39.5	6.99	7.20	6.49	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	296.72	296.29	279.76	39.3	39.4	40.9	7.55	7.52	6.84	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	378.14	386.75	360.39	40.4	41.1	42.2	9.36	9.41	8.54	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	286.48	286.83	276.29	39.9	39.4	40.1	7.18	7.28	6.89	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	220.89	225.70	222.72	37.0	36.1	39.6	5.97	6.22	5.77	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	226.69	220.02	206.50	39.7	38.0	38.1	5.71	5.79	5.42	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	191.69	191.00	187.46	36.1	35.7	36.4	5.31	5.35	5.15	5.21	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	477.01	482.90	459.73	45.3	45.6	47.2	10.53	10.59	9.74	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	209.99	206.06	200.71	37.7	37.0	37.1	5.57	5.57	5.41	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	260.29	257.40	233.23	39.8	39.0	37.9	6.54	6.60	6.17	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	285.01	283.13	265.69	37.8	37.7	38.9	7.54	7.51	6.83	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	242.78	236.73	215.28	39.8	39.0	36.8	6.10	6.07	5.85	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force*	215.0	213.1	214.4
Unemployed	18.7	19.8	18.5
(Percent)	8.7	9.3	8.6
Resident Employed	196.3	193.3	195.9

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	295.5	293.4	284.3	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.7
Percent Change from Last December	+1.1
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.9

*Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	521.3	514.0	504.2	469.6	459.0	457.7	51.7	55.0	46.5	9.9	10.7	9.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	44,600	43,900	42,200	41,100	39,900	39,000	3,500	4,000	3,200	7.8	9.1	7.6
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	32,000	31,900	31,600	28,700	28,200	28,900	3,300	3,700	2,700	10.3	11.6	8.5
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,600	38,600	38,200	34,900	34,500	34,400	3,700	4,100	3,800	9.6	10.6	9.9
Portland SMSA	98,800	97,900	93,400	92,200	90,400	87,400	6,600	7,500	6,000	6.7	7.7	6.4
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,940	28,830	28,930	26,460	26,110	26,500	2,480	2,720	2,430	8.6	9.4	8.4
Bath-Brunswick	24,800	24,420	22,750	23,240	22,710	21,230	1,560	1,710	1,520	6.3	7.0	6.7
Belfast	10,990	10,670	10,540	9,290	8,920	9,090	1,700	1,750	1,450	15.5	16.4	13.8
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	7,530	6,950	7,370	6,810	6,050	6,730	720	900	640	9.6	12.9	8.7
Calais Eastport	14,690	14,350	14,970	12,070	11,870	12,470	2,620	2,480	2,500	17.8	17.3	16.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,070	19,810	19,490	17,390	16,890	17,310	2,680	2,920	2,180	13.4	14.7	11.2
Central Penobscot	3,620	3,490	3,640	3,260	3,140	3,290	360	350	350	9.9	10.0	9.6
Dover-Foxcroft	7,050	6,900	6,750	6,380	6,240	6,190	670	660	570	9.5	9.6	8.4
Ellsworth	19,960	19,160	19,250	17,610	16,610	17,230	2,350	2,550	2,020	11.8	13.3	10.5
Farmington	13,030	12,750	12,780	11,780	11,560	11,550	1,250	1,190	1,230	9.6	9.3	9.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,750	4,570	4,610	3,870	3,920	3,590	880	650	1,020	18.5	14.2	22.1
Greenville	1,370	1,460	1,200	1,210	1,280	1,080	160	180	120	11.7	12.3	10.0
Houlton	4,940	4,780	4,710	4,240	4,110	4,130	700	670	580	14.2	14.0	12.3
Lincoln-Howland	5,670	5,460	5,480	4,900	4,850	4,810	770	610	670	13.6	11.2	12.2
Livermore Falls	5,970	5,830	5,740	5,220	5,020	5,030	750	810	710	12.6	13.9	12.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,520	4,620	4,240	3,820	3,760	3,610	700	860	630	15.5	18.6	14.9
Mechanic Falls	2,450	2,460	2,310	2,090	2,050	1,970	360	410	340	14.7	16.7	14.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,260	5,270	5,270	4,780	4,760	4,820	480	510	450	9.1	9.7	8.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,490	2,360	2,500	2,070	2,050	2,090	420	310	410	16.9	13.1	16.4
Rockland	16,890	17,300	17,150	14,630	14,950	15,540	2,260	2,350	1,610	13.4	13.6	9.4
Rumford	19,630	19,730	20,260	17,190	17,370	18,060	2,440	2,360	2,200	12.4	12.0	10.9
Sebago Lake Region	10,430	10,320	10,210	9,310	9,080	9,280	1,120	1,240	930	10.7	12.0	9.1
Skowhegan	21,880	21,530	20,180	18,910	18,700	17,430	2,970	2,830	2,750	13.6	13.1	13.6
Kittery-York	19,840	18,150	18,600	18,880	17,120	17,970	960	1,030	630	4.8	5.7	3.4
Southwest Penobscot	8,310	8,410	7,750	7,250	7,100	6,720	1,060	1,310	1,030	12.8	15.6	13.3
Waterville	22,310	22,120	22,200	20,110	19,770	20,280	2,200	2,350	1,920	9.9	10.6	8.6
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,599.6	1,501.2	n/a	1,473.7	1,491.7	n/a	125.9	109.5	n/a	7.9	6.8
Massachusetts	2,945.0	2,956.0	2,940.3	2,748.0	2,719.0	2,706.1	197.0	237.0	234.2	6.7	8.0	8.0
New Hampshire	n/a	492.2	481.6	n/a	456.4	442.9	n/a	35.9	38.7	n/a	7.3	8.0
Rhode Island	n/a	474.3	479.1	n/a	421.8	428.9	n/a	52.5	50.3	n/a	11.1	10.5
Vermont	n/a	259.9	262.3	n/a	239.8	242.0	n/a	20.2	20.3	n/a	7.8	7.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,782.2	5,764.6	n/a	5,310.7	5,311.6	n/a	471.5	453.0	n/a	8.2	7.9
UNITED STATES 3/	109,875	109,873	108,814	98,840	97,394	98,853	11,035	11,879	9,957	10.0	10.8	9.2

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
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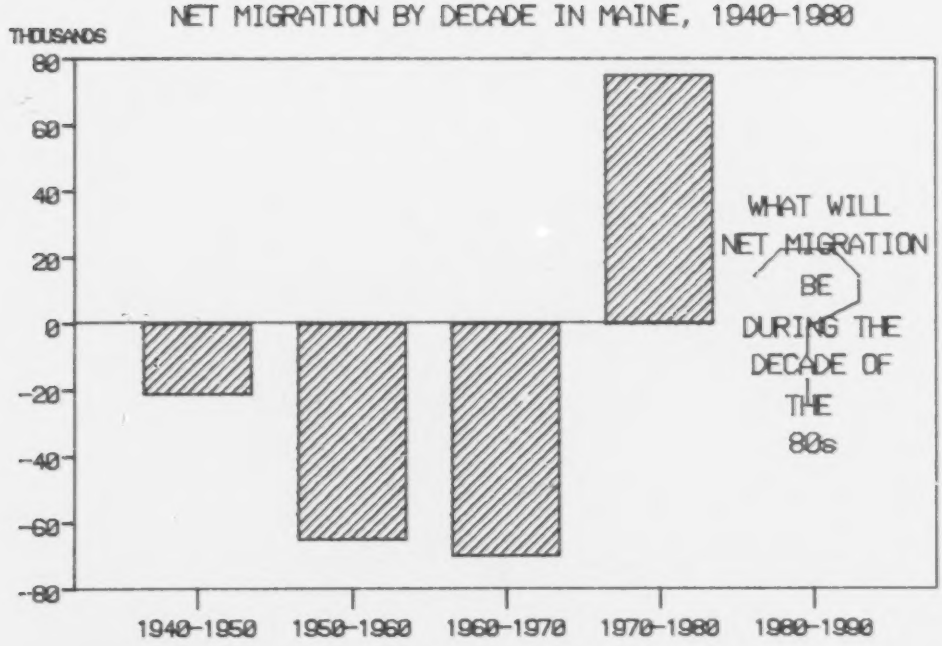
Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	15,646	19,216	18,774	1,832	2,665	2,263	1,026	1,338	1,650
Insured Unemployment Rate *	4.1	5.0	4.8	2.2	3.3	2.8	3.2	4.2	5.1

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

NET MIGRATION BY DECADE IN MAINE, 1940-1980



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Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

OVER 2,100 DISADVANTAGED YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYEP) ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF MAINE CETA.

THE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE PROVIDED PRIMARILY BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS SCHOOL SYSTEMS, COMMUNITIES, AND HOSPITALS.

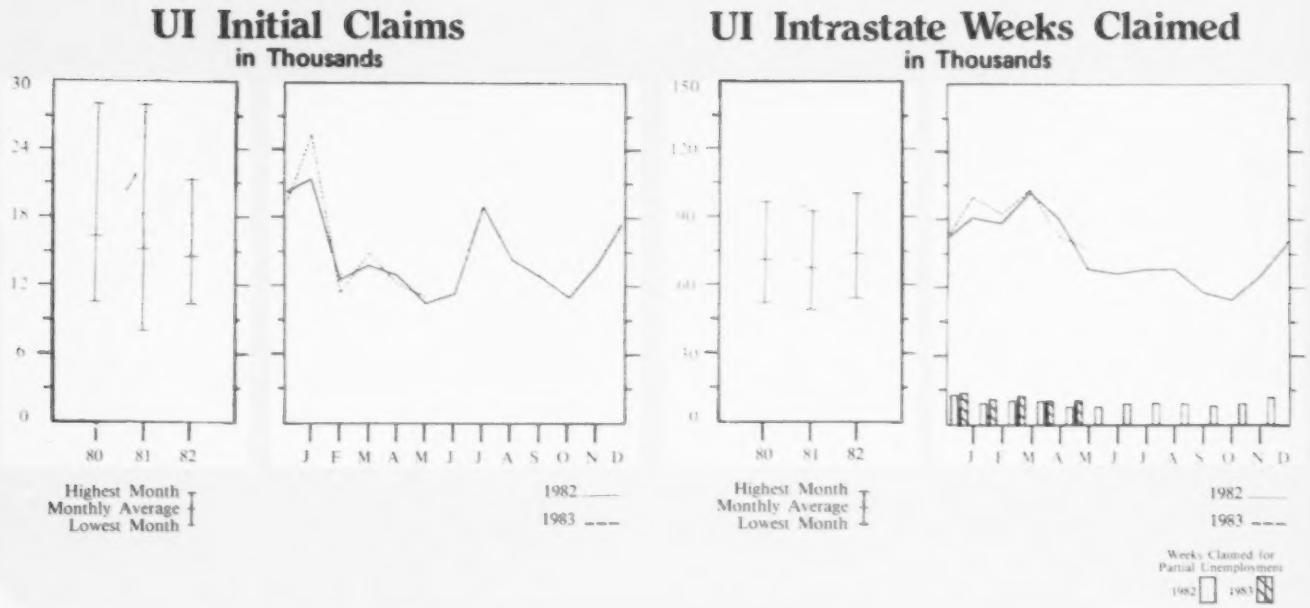
THE TYPES OF JOBS INCLUDE CHILD CARE AIDES, MAINTENANCE WORKERS, RECREATIONAL AIDES, PLAYGROUND ASSISTANTS, AND CONSERVATION WORKERS.

THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM IS FUNDED THROUGH A FEDERAL CETA GRANT. THE OFFICE OF MAINE CETA WILL OPERATE THE PROGRAM IN ALL MAINE COUNTIES EXCEPT CUMBERLAND, PENOBSCOT, HANCOCK, AND PISCATAQUIS WHICH ARE SERVED BY SEPARATE CETA PROGRAMS.

IN THE TWELVE COUNTIES ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF MAINE CETA 2,100 DISADVANTAGED YOUTH WILL BE WORKING 32 HOURS PER WEEK FOR EIGHT WEEKS BEGINNING IN JUNE AND ENDING IN AUGUST. AVERAGE TOTAL EARNINGS FOR THE SUMMER FOR EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE BETWEEN $700 AND $800.

BECAUSE ONLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTH ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, THE MONEY EARNED BY THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IS OFTEN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN SUPPLEMENTING FAMILY INCOME.

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT, THE PROGRAM IS ALSO DESIGNED TO GIVE THE PARTICIPANTS NECESSARY JOB SKILLS IN THE WORKPLACE AND CONDUCT ASSESSMENTS OF PERSONAL SKILLS.



WAGES OF MAINE MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION WORKERS STAY AHEAD OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

INFLATION, AS MEASURED BY THE NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), HAS COOLED CONSIDERABLY AFTER PEAKING DURING 1980. SINCE 1980 THE AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MAINE'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALSO HAVE INCREASED AT A SLOWER RATE, BUT HAVE MORE THAN KEPT PACE WITH INCREASES IN THE CPI. WHILE THE CPI HAS RISEN BY 21.2 PERCENT FROM MAY 1980 THROUGH MAY 1983, AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS INCREASED BY 27.9 PERCENT.

PRODUCTION WORKER WAGES HAVE ALSO GROWN FASTER THAN THE CPI OVER THE PAST YEAR. SINCE MAY 1982 HOURLY EARNINGS INCREASED BY 7.0 PERCENT COMPARED TO AN INCREASE OF 3.4 PERCENT IN THE CPI.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS INCREASED AT A FASTER RATE OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS THAN THE CPI IN THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES: PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS, UP 11.0 PERCENT; LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS, UP 9.4 PERCENT; APPAREL, UP 5.3 PERCENT; METALS AND MACHINERY, UP 5.2 PERCENT; TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS, UP 4.9 PERCENT; AND FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS, UP 4.0 PERCENT. HOURLY EARNINGS PAID BY THE LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS INDUSTRY FELL BEHIND THE INCREASE OF THE CPI OVER THE PAST YEAR WITH A GAIN OF 3.0 PERCENT.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT HOURS WORKED AS WELL AS HOURLY EARNINGS, ALSO MORE THAN KEPT PACE WITH THE CPI. FROM MAY 1982 TO MAY 1983 AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS FOR MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION WORKERS INCREASED BY 7.6 PERCENT. OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS PRODUCTION WORKER WEEKLY WAGES INCREASED BY 28.9 PERCENT.

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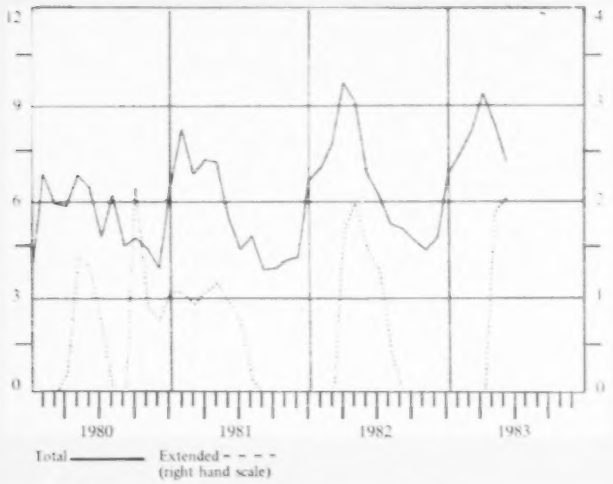

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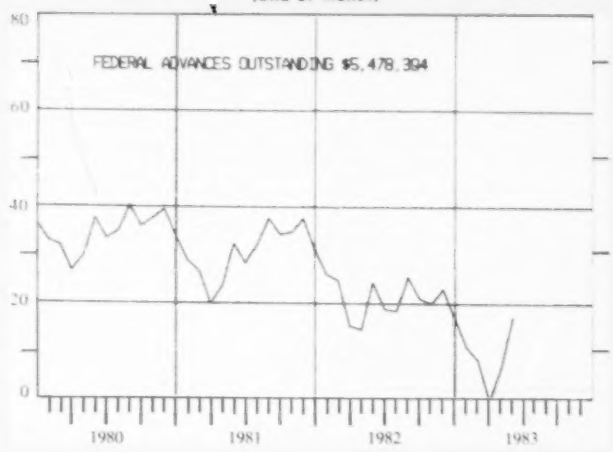


Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

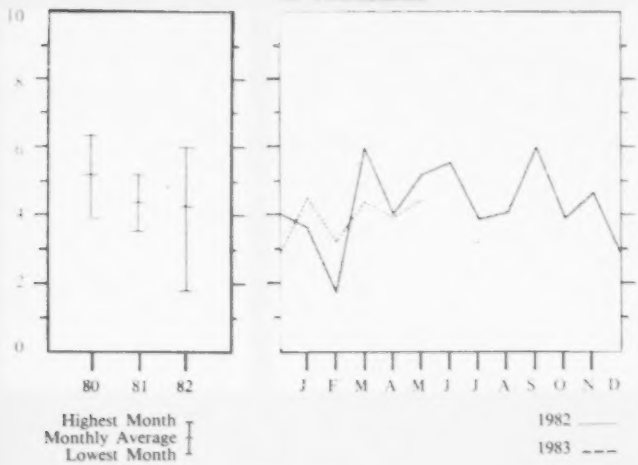
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	408.7	399.9	410.9	97.0	96.4	94.1	33.9	33.2	33.5
Total Manufacturing	104.0	103.3	106.7	16.5	16.5	17.1	11.1	10.8	11.0
Durable Goods	36.7	36.7	38.6	6.4	6.4	7.1	2.0	1.9	1.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	10.3	10.2	11.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.2	14.2	15.7	5.5	5.6	6.3	1.6	1.5	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.2	12.3	11.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	67.3	66.6	68.1	10.1	10.1	10.0	9.1	8.9	9.1
Food and Kindred Products	7.8	7.8	8.7	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.7	7.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.4	1.5
Apparel	5.0	4.9	4.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.4	17.4	17.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.4	20.1	20.7	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	17.1	16.8	17.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.5	2.8	2.9
All Other	3.3	3.3	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.5
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.0	9.7	10.1	4.8	4.7	4.6	2.6	2.5	2.7
Total Nonmanufacturing	304.7	296.6	304.2	80.5	79.9	77.0	22.8	22.4	22.5
Contract Construction	16.6	14.3	16.7	4.3	4.0	4.3	1.2	1.2	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.7	17.1	18.8	6.0	5.9	6.1	1.3	1.3	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	87.9	84.5	87.9	25.7	25.2	24.7	8.0	7.8	8.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.2	18.0	17.5	3.8	3.7	3.2	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	80.6	79.7	79.8	22.0	21.9	20.5	7.5	7.5	7.4
Government	83.7	84.0	83.5	13.7	14.2	13.2	3.2	3.0	3.1
Federal	18.1	17.9	18.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	65.6	66.1	65.4	12.3	12.8	11.8	2.9	2.7	2.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

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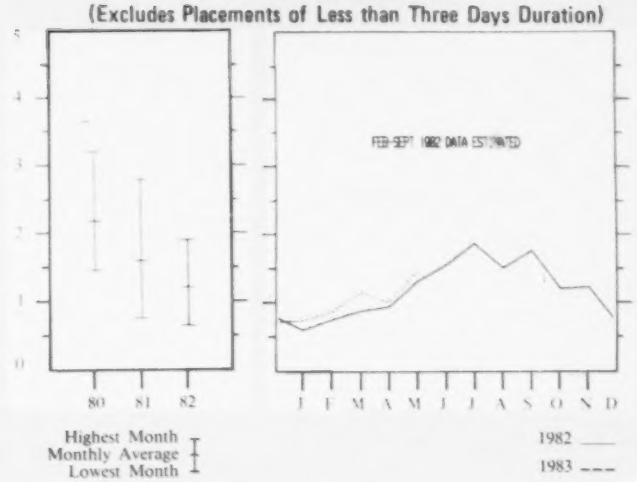

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$299.55	$296.91	$278.50	40.1	39.8	39.9	$7.47	$7.46	$6.98	$7.22	$6.66	$6.00
Durable Goods	312.44	315.61	290.94	39.6	39.5	39.8	7.89	7.99	7.31	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	277.80	271.91	253.92	39.8	38.9	39.8	6.98	6.99	6.38	6.87	5.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	294.78	296.72	280.28	39.2	39.3	39.2	7.52	7.55	7.15	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	365.88	378.14	342.63	39.9	40.4	40.5	9.17	9.36	8.46	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	292.50	286.48	271.20	40.4	39.9	40.0	7.24	7.18	6.78	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	242.03	220.89	226.70	39.1	37.0	38.1	6.19	5.97	5.95	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	238.62	226.69	212.01	41.0	39.7	38.2	5.82	5.71	5.55	5.49	5.17	4.70
Apparel	189.21	191.69	189.86	35.3	36.1	37.3	5.36	5.31	5.09	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	477.40	477.01	436.75	44.7	45.3	45.4	10.68	10.53	9.62	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	214.27	209.99	205.96	38.4	37.7	38.0	5.58	5.57	5.42	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	262.35	260.29	235.24	40.3	39.8	38.5	6.51	6.54	6.11	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	286.90	285.01	273.39	37.7	37.8	39.0	7.61	7.54	7.01	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	245.83	242.78	229.96	40.3	39.8	38.2	6.10	6.10	6.02	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force *	223.8	215.0	220.1
Unemployed	20.3	18.7	21.2
(Percent)	9.1	8.7	9.6
Resident Employed	203.5	196.3	198.9

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (1981=0)	297.1	295.5	287.1	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.5
Percent Change from Last December	+1.6
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.5

* Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	537.6	521.3	513.3	486.2	469.6	469.0	51.4	51.7	44.3	9.6	9.9	8.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	45,300	44,600	42,400	42,200	41,100	39,300	3,700	3,500	3,100	8.1	7.8	7.3
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	33,000	32,000	32,200	29,800	28,700	29,700	3,200	3,300	2,500	9.7	10.3	7.8
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	39,800	38,600	38,300	36,000	34,900	34,700	3,800	3,700	3,600	9.5	9.6	9.4
Portland SMSA	100,800	98,800	94,400	93,800	92,200	88,600	7,000	6,600	5,800	6.9	6.7	6.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,630	28,940	27,160	27,250	26,460	27,060	2,380	2,480	2,100	8.1	8.6	7.2
Bath-Brunswick	25,020	24,800	23,140	23,530	23,240	21,790	1,490	1,560	1,350	6.0	6.3	5.8
Belfast	11,150	10,990	10,650	9,510	9,290	9,310	1,640	1,700	1,340	14.7	15.5	12.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	8,020	7,530	7,950	7,360	6,810	7,410	660	720	540	8.2	9.6	6.8
Calais-Eastport	15,200	14,690	15,220	12,760	12,070	12,990	2,440	2,620	2,230	16.1	17.8	14.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,680	20,070	19,390	17,990	17,390	17,520	2,690	2,680	1,870	13.0	13.4	9.6
Central Penobscot	3,700	3,620	3,660	3,370	3,260	3,360	330	360	300	8.9	9.9	8.2
Dover-Foxcroft	7,340	7,050	7,130	6,620	6,380	6,390	720	670	740	9.8	9.5	10.4
Ellsworth	20,910	19,960	19,910	18,860	17,610	18,200	2,050	2,350	1,710	9.8	11.8	8.6
Farmington	13,300	13,030	12,710	11,920	11,780	11,510	1,380	1,250	1,200	10.4	9.6	9.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,070	4,750	4,620	4,080	3,870	3,670	990	880	950	19.5	18.5	20.6
Greenville	1,400	1,370	1,290	1,220	1,210	1,120	180	160	170	12.9	11.7	13.2
Houlton	5,250	4,940	5,190	4,460	4,240	4,610	790	700	580	15.0	14.2	11.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,740	5,670	5,560	5,010	4,900	4,920	730	770	640	12.7	13.6	11.5
Livermore Falls	6,030	5,970	5,790	5,350	5,220	5,140	680	750	650	11.3	12.6	11.2
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,700	4,520	4,250	4,010	3,820	3,650	690	700	600	14.7	15.5	14.1
Mechanic Falls	2,710	2,450	2,480	2,350	2,090	2,130	360	360	350	13.3	14.7	14.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,370	5,260	5,280	4,860	4,780	4,880	510	480	400	9.5	9.1	7.6
Patten-Island Falls	2,590	2,490	2,770	2,160	2,070	2,390	430	420	380	16.6	16.9	13.7
Rockland	17,250	16,890	17,670	15,140	14,630	16,100	2,110	2,260	1,570	12.2	13.4	8.9
Rumford	20,200	19,630	20,480	17,810	17,190	18,410	2,390	2,440	2,070	11.8	12.4	10.1
Sebago Lake Region	10,800	10,430	10,660	9,780	9,310	9,770	1,020	1,120	890	9.4	10.7	8.3
Skowhegan	22,510	21,880	20,670	19,460	18,910	17,870	3,050	2,970	2,800	13.5	13.6	13.5
Kittery-York	22,080	19,840	20,680	21,290	18,880	20,090	790	960	590	3.6	4.8	2.9
Southwest Penobscot	8,720	8,310	7,860	7,600	7,250	6,910	1,120	1,060	950	12.9	12.8	12.1
Waterville	22,830	22,310	21,910	20,680	20,110	19,570	2,150	2,200	2,340	9.4	9.9	10.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,607.0	1,613.1	n/a	1,495.0	1,507.4	n/a	112.0	105.7	n/a	7.0	6.6
Massachusetts	2,951.0	2,945.0	2,994.0	2,795.0	2,748.0	2,737.4	193.0	197.0	256.4	6.5	6.7	8.6
New Hampshire	n/a	495.0	485.3	n/a	462.0	449.9	n/a	33.0	35.5	n/a	6.7	7.3
Rhode Island	n/a	472.0	483.8	n/a	427.0	435.6	n/a	45.0	48.2	n/a	9.6	10.0
Vermont	n/a	258.0	265.1	n/a	237.0	247.1	n/a	21.0	18.0	n/a	8.0	6.8
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,777.0	5,841.2	n/a	5,369.0	5,377.4	n/a	408.0	463.8	n/a	7.1	7.9
UNITED STATES 3/	110,308	109,875	109,914	99,543	98,840	99,957	10,765	11,035	9,957	9.8	10.0	9.1

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	14,288	15,646	15,573	1,868	1,832	1,935	973	1,026	1,442
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.6	4.1	3.9	2.3	2.2	2.4	3.0	3.2	4.4

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	9.9	9.4	7.8
Clerical and Sales	19.6	19.0	14.5
Service	9.7	9.0	7.5
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.6	3.0	4.8
Processing	5.3	3.6	5.6
Machine Trades	11.1	10.8	9.2
Benchwork	8.3	7.8	8.2
Structural Work	19.6	21.7	16.5
Miscellaneous	13.9	15.7	25.9

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	60.1	61.0	62.9
Under 22	6.4	6.3	8.0
22-24	11.4	11.2	11.4
25-34	32.0	33.1	32.7
35-39	10.3	10.4	10.8
Total 40 and Over	39.9	39.0	37.1
40-44	8.0	7.9	8.2
45-54	14.1	13.9	14.7
55-64	11.1	11.1	11.6
65 and Over	6.7	6.1	2.6

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

JUNE 1983

A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO HEAD THE STATE DATA CENTER PROGRAM IN MAINE. GOVERNOR BRENNAN RECENTLY SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS DETAILING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OPERATING THE PROGRAM.

THE STATE DATA CENTER PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ACCESSING AND USING CENSUS AND OTHER AVAILABLE DATA FOR RESEARCH, ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS, AND OTHER INTERESTED MAINE DATA USERS. THE PROGRAM WILL IMPROVE ACCESS TO AND EXTEND USE OF BOTH THE CENSUS BUREAU AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S STATISTICAL RESOURCES AND RELATED LABOR MARKET INFORMATION INCLUDING COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION FILES.

VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE HAVE BEEN INVITED INTO THE PROGRAM AS AFFILIATES. A NETWORK OF THIRTY AFFILIATES IS EXPECTED.

THE NETWORK IS A VITAL PART OF THE MAINE STATE DATA CENTER PROGRAM AS IT PROVIDES THE LINK WITH THE PUBLIC AND USERS OF CENSUS AND LABOR MARKET INFORMATION. AFFILIATES WILL BE RECEIVING A LARGE REFERENCE LIBRARY OF INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL TRAINING AT NO COST. THEIR ROLE WILL BE TO MAKE THE REFERENCE MATERIAL PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE OR MAKE OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAM SUCH AS TECHNICAL SUPPORT, DATA ANALYSIS, HANDLING INQUIRIES, AND ASSISTING IN PROVIDING TRAINING TO OTHERS. THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN JOINING THE PROGRAM AND BECOMING AFFILIATES.

THE INTRODUCTORY AND FIRST TRAINING SESSION FOR AFFILIATES WILL BE GIVEN BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. A TRAINING SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC ON LABOR MARKET INFORMATION IS PLANNED FOR LATE NOVEMBER.

UI Initial Claims
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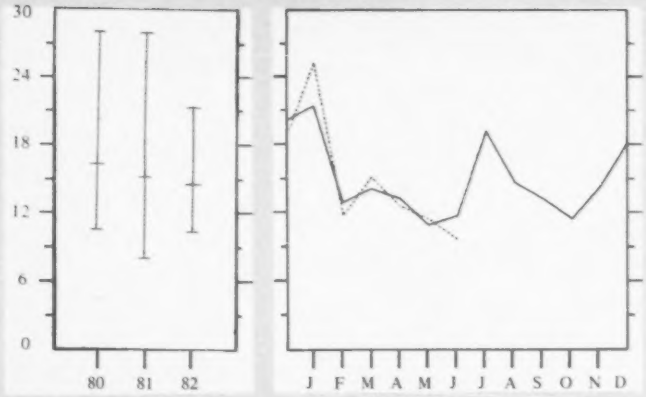

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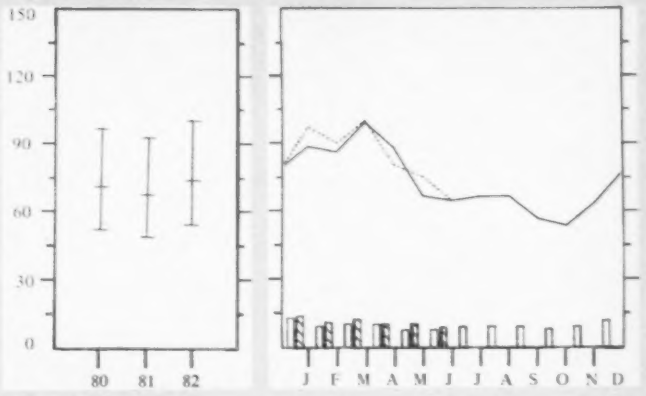


SIX MAINE COUNTIES QUALIFY FOR EMERGENCY JOBS PROGRAMS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR ALBERT ANGRISANI RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE CLASSIFICATION OF 2,163 "CIVIL JURISDICTIONS" AS HAVING HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, MAKING THEM ELIGIBLE AS SITES FOR EMERGENCY JOBS PROGRAMS. SIX OF THE AREAS ARE IN MAINE.

THE EMERGENCY JOBS ACT CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIST OF COUNTIES IN MAINE THAT HAVE HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT. AT LEAST 14 FEDERAL CABINET AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES WILL USE THE LIST TO CONDUCT A WIDE VARIETY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICE PROGRAMS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE EMERGENCY JOBS LEGISLATION.

THE DESIGNATION OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS IS BASED ON AN AVERAGE OF EACH AREA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1982. TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF ELIGIBLE AREAS, AN AREA MUST HAVE HAD AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DURING 1982 THAT WAS AT LEAST 90 PERCENT OF THE AVERAGE RATE FOR ALL STATES DURING THE SAME 12-MONTH PERIOD.

SINCE THE AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR ALL STATES DURING 1982 WAS 9.8 PERCENT, THE QUALIFYING RATE NECESSARY FOR INCLUSION ON THE LIST WAS 8.8 PERCENT.

ANY ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS WILL BE JURISDICTIONS THAT WERE NOT ON THE INITIAL LIST BUT WHICH "HAVE EXPERIENCED OR ARE ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE A SUDDEN ECONOMIC DISLOCATION RESULTING IN JOB LOSS THAT IS SIGNIFICANT BOTH IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF JOBS ELIMINATED AND THE EFFECT UPON THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE AREA."

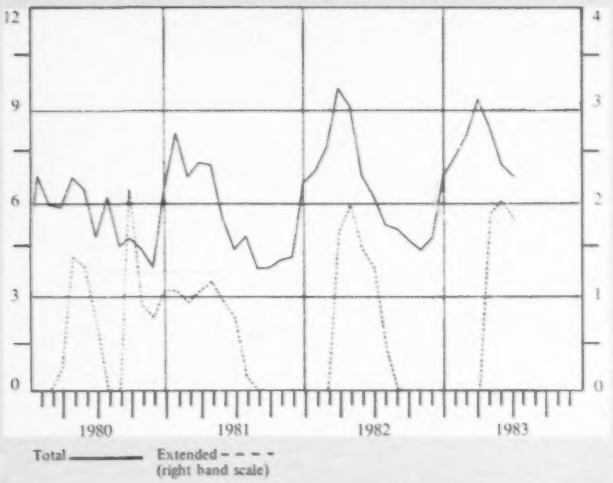
THOSE MAINE AREAS DESIGNATED AS "HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS" ARE AS FOLLOWS: ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY, AROOSTOOK COUNTY, OXFORD COUNTY, SOMERSET COUNTY, WALDO COUNTY, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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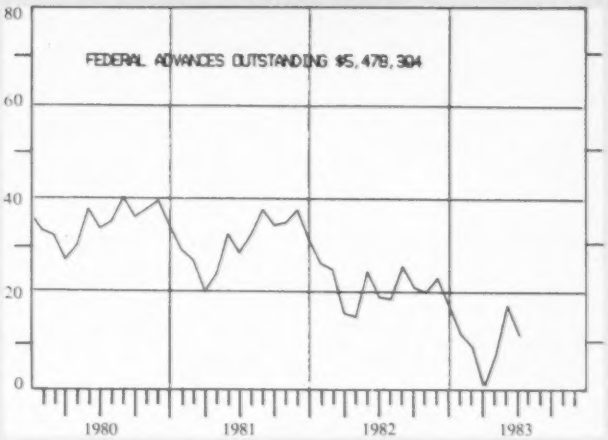

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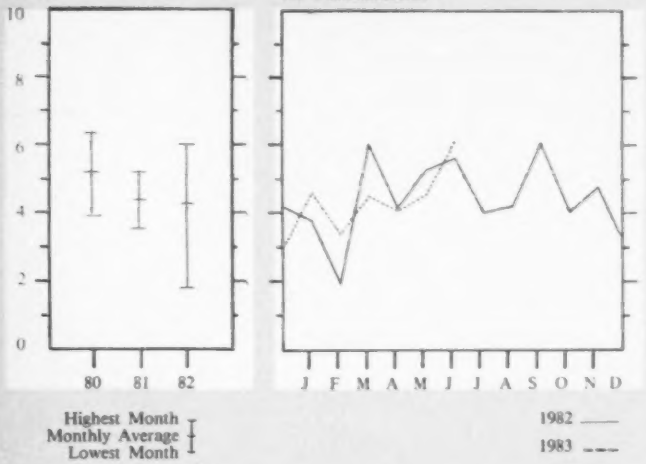
Total Manufacturing	107.3	104.0	109.9	16.0	16.5	17.3	11.3	11.1	11.3
Durable Goods	38.3	36.7	39.7	6.5	6.4	7.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.0	10.3	11.9	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.3	14.2	15.4	5.6	5.5	6.3	1.6	1.6	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.0	12.2	12.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Nondurable Goods	69.0	67.3	70.2	9.5	10.1	10.3	9.3	9.1	9.3
Food and Kindred Products	8.9	7.0	8.9	2.3	2.2	2.4	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.9	6.7	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.4	1.5
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.2	17.4	17.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.8	20.4	21.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.7	3.5	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	17.4	17.1	17.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.1	2.9	3.0
All Other	3.4	3.3	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.2	10.0	10.6	4.1	4.8	4.7	2.6	2.6	2.6
Total Nonmanufacturing	311.2	304.7	312.4	82.3	80.5	78.8	22.7	22.8	22.8
Contract Construction	18.2	16.6	18.1	4.5	4.3	4.5	1.3	1.2	1.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.3	17.7	19.4	6.2	6.0	6.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	92.2	87.9	91.6	26.7	25.7	25.6	8.0	8.0	8.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.6	18.2	18.0	8.9	8.8	8.3	1.7	1.6	1.7
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	83.3	80.6	83.4	23.0	22.0	21.5	7.4	7.5	7.4
Government	80.6	83.7	81.9	13.0	13.7	12.6	3.0	3.2	3.2
Federal	18.2	18.1	18.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	62.4	65.6	63.7	11.6	12.3	11.2	2.8	2.9	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

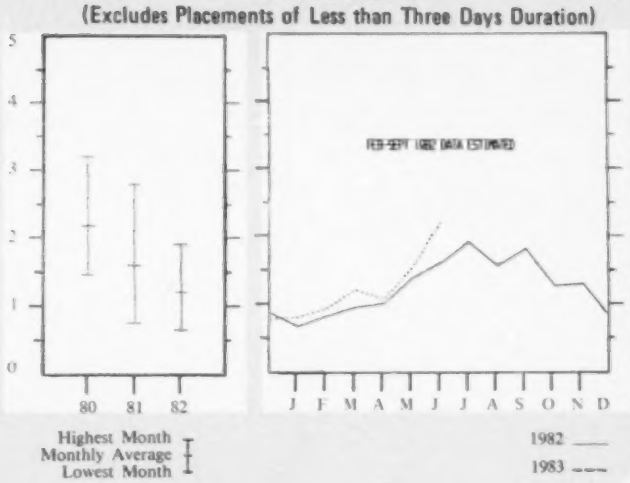
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$297.75	$299.55	$284.31	39.7	40.1	40.1	$7.50	$7.47	$7.09	$7.22	$6.66	$6.00
Durable Goods	312.84	312.44	295.20	39.6	39.6	40.0	7.90	7.89	7.38	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	290.97	277.80	263.21	40.3	39.8	39.7	7.22	6.98	6.63	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	296.40	294.78	281.64	39.0	39.2	39.5	7.60	7.52	7.13	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	358.09	365.88	343.54	39.7	39.9	40.8	9.02	9.17	8.42	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	289.02	292.50	278.18	39.7	40.4	40.2	7.28	7.24	6.92	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	225.81	242.03	222.22	35.9	39.1	37.6	6.29	6.19	5.91	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	250.06	238.62	218.23	42.6	41.0	38.9	5.87	5.82	5.61	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	184.10	189.21	189.62	35.0	35.3	37.4	5.26	5.36	5.07	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	484.43	477.40	468.87	44.2	44.7	46.7	10.96	10.68	10.04	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	210.55	214.27	204.54	37.8	38.4	37.6	5.57	5.58	5.44	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	263.31	262.35	235.73	40.2	40.3	38.9	6.55	6.51	6.06	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	284.64	286.90	274.77	37.7	37.7	38.7	7.55	7.61	7.10	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	244.21	245.83	232.16	40.1	40.3	38.5	6.09	6.10	6.03	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force*	230.3	223.8	227.0
Unemployed	21.7	20.3	23.2
(Percent)	9.4	9.1	10.2
Resident Employed	208.6	203.5	203.8

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	298.1	297.1	290.6	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3
Percent Change from Last December	+1.9
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.6

* Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	552.4	537.6	528.0	504.9	486.2	485.3	47.5	51.4	42.7	8.6	9.6	8.1
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	45,500	45,900	41,500	42,000	42,200	38,400	3,500	3,700	3,100	7.7	8.1	7.5
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	33,900	33,000	33,100	20,800	29,800	30,500	3,100	3,200	2,600	9.1	9.7	7.9
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	40,000	39,800	38,600	36,300	36,000	35,100	3,700	3,800	3,500	9.3	9.5	9.1
Portland SMSA	102,800	100,800	96,100	96,000	93,800	90,200	6,800	7,000	5,900	6.6	6.9	6.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,060	29,630	29,310	27,790	27,250	27,170	2,270	2,380	2,140	7.6	8.0	7.3
Bath-Brunswick	25,630	25,020	24,100	23,970	23,530	22,750	1,660	1,490	1,350	6.5	6.0	5.6
Belfast	11,130	11,150	10,980	9,760	9,510	9,650	1,370	1,640	1,330	12.3	14.7	12.1
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	9,230	8,020	8,970	8,590	7,360	8,440	640	660	530	6.9	8.2	5.9
Calais-Eastport	15,370	15,200	15,760	13,220	12,760	13,550	2,150	2,440	2,210	14.0	16.1	14.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,160	20,680	20,360	19,340	17,990	18,230	2,820	2,690	2,080	12.7	13.0	10.2
Central Penobscot	3,760	3,700	3,600	3,480	3,370	3,330	280	330	270	7.4	8.9	7.5
Dover-Foxcroft	7,310	7,340	6,560	6,670	6,620	5,920	640	720	640	8.8	9.8	9.8
Ellsworth	21,890	20,910	21,190	20,280	18,860	19,670	1,610	2,050	1,520	7.4	9.8	7.2
Farmington	13,410	13,300	13,020	12,240	11,920	11,870	1,170	1,380	1,150	8.7	10.4	8.8
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,440	5,070	5,760	4,760	4,080	4,920	680	990	840	12.5	19.5	14.6
Greenville	1,480	1,400	1,420	1,370	1,220	1,330	110	180	90	7.4	12.9	6.3
Houlton	5,460	5,250	5,280	4,800	4,460	4,730	660	790	550	12.1	15.0	10.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,760	5,740	5,720	5,210	5,010	5,150	550	730	570	9.5	12.7	10.0
Livermore Falls	6,240	6,030	5,980	5,510	5,350	5,300	730	680	680	11.7	11.3	11.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,890	4,700	4,730	4,290	4,010	4,130	600	690	600	12.3	14.7	12.7
Mechanic Falls	2,970	2,710	2,500	2,630	2,350	2,170	340	360	330	11.4	13.3	13.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,510	5,370	5,320	5,050	4,860	4,960	460	510	360	8.3	9.5	6.8
Patten-Island Falls	2,700	2,590	2,860	2,390	2,160	2,520	310	430	340	11.5	16.6	11.9
Rockland	17,700	17,250	18,080	16,000	15,140	16,630	1,700	2,110	1,450	9.6	12.2	8.0
Rumford	20,380	20,200	20,920	18,300	17,810	18,950	2,080	2,390	1,970	10.2	11.8	9.4
Sebago Lake Region	11,430	10,800	11,140	10,510	9,780	10,320	920	1,020	820	8.0	9.4	7.4
Skowhegan	23,140	22,510	20,760	20,490	19,460	18,350	2,650	3,050	2,410	11.5	13.5	11.6
Kittery-York	25,120	22,080	23,610	24,310	21,290	22,990	810	790	620	3.2	3.6	2.6
Southwest Penobscot	8,750	8,720	8,300	7,720	7,600	7,300	1,030	1,120	1,000	11.8	12.8	12.0
Waterville	23,390	22,830	22,500	21,190	20,680	20,730	2,200	2,150	1,770	9.4	9.4	7.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,615.1	1,631.2	n/a	1,513.5	1,519.6	n/a	101.6	111.6	n/a	6.3	6.8
Massachusetts	3,025.0	2,951.0	3,039.1	2,799.0	2,759.0	2,765.4	226.0	193.0	273.7	7.5	6.5	9.0
New Hampshire	n/a	498.9	495.4	n/a	470.9	460.8	n/a	28.0	34.5	n/a	5.6	7.0
Rhode Island	477.5	470.0	490.0	437.7	429.8	439.4	39.8	40.2	50.6	8.3	8.6	10.3
Vermont	n/a	260.1	265.3	n/a	240.3	247.9	n/a	19.8	17.4	n/a	7.6	6.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,796.1	5,921.0	n/a	5,413.5	5,433.1	n/a	382.6	487.8	n/a	6.6	8.2
UNITED STATES 3/	113,383	110,308	111,569	101,813	99,543	100,683	11,570	10,765	10,886	10.2	9.8	9.8

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	11,047	14,288	13,235	1,653	1,868	1,800	858	973	1,260
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.8	3.6	3.3	1.9	2.3	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.8

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	11.1	11.9	9.6
Clerical and Sales	21.8	22.0	15.6
Service	10.0	10.1	8.1
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.3	1.6	1.9
Processing	4.1	3.8	7.0
Machine Trades	12.4	11.7	13.9
Benchwork	10.0	7.5	10.6
Structural Work	15.2	17.8	12.2
Miscellaneous	14.1	13.6	21.1

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	56.5	59.5	62.9
Under 22	7.1	6.7	9.9
22-24	10.0	10.8	11.0
25-34	29.1	31.1	31.5
35-39	10.3	10.9	10.5
Total 40 and Over	43.5	40.5	37.1
40-44	7.6	8.0	7.8
45-54	13.1	13.8	14.6
55-64	10.7	11.3	10.9
65 and Over	12.1	7.4	3.8

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HAS NOW COMPLETED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FULLY INTEGRATED "COMMON INTAKE FORM" FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS EITHER FILING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, SEEKING EMPLOYMENT THROUGH THE JOB SERVICE OR TRAINING FROM THE OFFICE OF MAINE CETA.

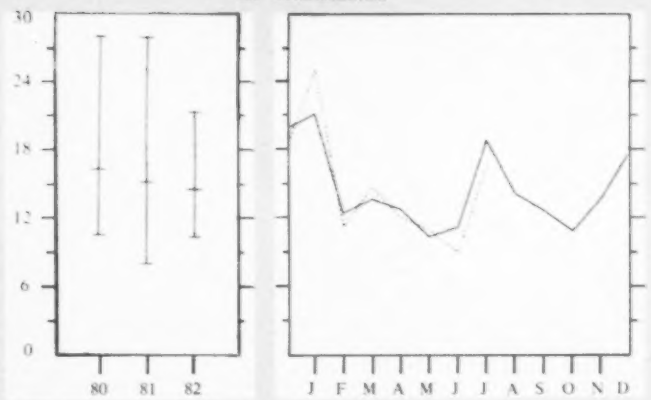
IN THE PAST, EACH AGENCY HAD A SEPARATE FORM REQUESTING SIMILAR INFORMATION, AND PERSONS SEEKING ASSISTANCE WERE ESSENTIALLY REQUIRED TO FILL OUT FORMS IN TRIPLICATE. IN ADDITION, AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKING ONE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE MADE AWARE OF OTHER TYPES OF SERVICES AVAILABLE, SUCH AS TRAINING, EVEN THOUGH MANY OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND CETA OFFICES SHARED OFFICE SPACE.

NOW ONLY A SINGLE FORM IS REQUIRED AND EVERY APPLICANT IS AUTOMATICALLY REVIEWED BY THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, JOB SERVICE AND CETA DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE THREE SEPARATE FORMS WILL PRODUCE COST SAVINGS FOR THE INVOLVED AGENCIES BY CUTTING DATA-ENTRY TIME, SAVING COMPUTER MEMORY SPACE AND SHARING PRINTING EXPENSES. TIME SAVED IN DATA-ENTRY DIRECTLY RESULTS IN AN INCREASE IN TIME AVAILABLE FOR PROVIDING SERVICE TO THE CLIENTS OF THE AGENCIES.

THE FORM WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED BY TRAINING PROGRAMS UNDER THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT WHICH REPLACE CETA PROGRAMS ON OCTOBER 1 OF THIS YEAR. THE NEW FEDERAL LEGISLATION STIPULATES GREATER COORDINATION AND COOPERATION ON THE PART OF THE MANY DIFFERENT SECTORS INVOLVED IN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND THE COMMON INTAKE FORM IS A SUBSTANTIAL AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT ON THE PART OF THE STATE TO IMPLEMENT INCREASED COORDINATION.

UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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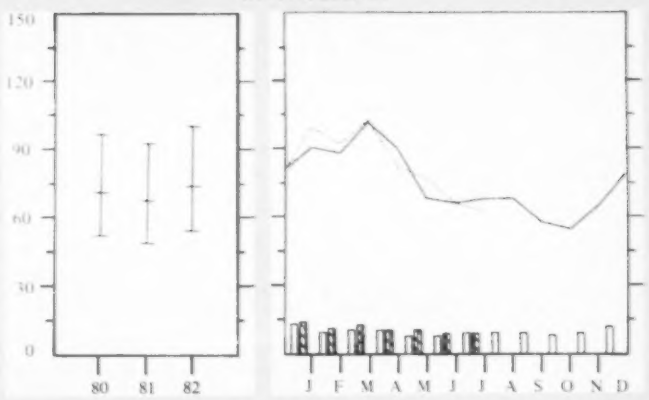


RESULTS OF 1983 MAINE HOSPITAL WAGE SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE

THE WAGE SURVEY OF HOSPITAL OCCUPATIONS WAS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT UNDERTAKEN WITH THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION. THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, IS TO PROVIDE THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, ITS MEMBER HOSPITALS, OTHER EMPLOYERS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE WAGE SCALES. THE SURVEY'S WAGE INFORMATION IS ALSO AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PERTINENT OCCUPATIONAL FACTS THAT THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH MAKES AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PLANNERS AND CAREER COUNSELORS. PEOPLE IN NEED OF OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION FOR CAREER DECISION-MAKING CAN USE THE SURVEY DATA TO ASSIST THEM IN DECIDING UPON A CAREER.

DURING THE FALL OF 1982, ALL MEMBER HOSPITALS OF THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE WAGE SURVEY, BY INDICATING THE WAGE RATES WHICH WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR 53 SELECTED NONADMINISTRATIVE OCCUPATIONS ON JANUARY 1, 1983. ALL OF THE 42 MEMBER HOSPITALS PROVIDED USABLE WAGE DATA. THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REPORTED FOR ALL THE OCCUPATIONS WAS 13,397. THIS EMPLOYMENT FIGURE REPRESENTS NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT OF ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN MAINE. OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REPORTED, 34 PERCENT (4,590) OF THE EMPLOYEES WERE CLASSIFIED AS PROFESSIONAL WORKERS.

OCCUPATIONAL WAGE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR ONLY THOSE OCCUPATIONS WHERE THREE OR MORE HOSPITALS REPORTED DATA. THE INFORMATION FROM ALL RESPONDENTS HAS BEEN KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED IN ANY MANNER THAT WOULD PERMIT IDENTIFICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL HOSPITAL. ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS PUBLICATION IS WAGE DATA FOR FIVE REGIONS DESIGNATED BY THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

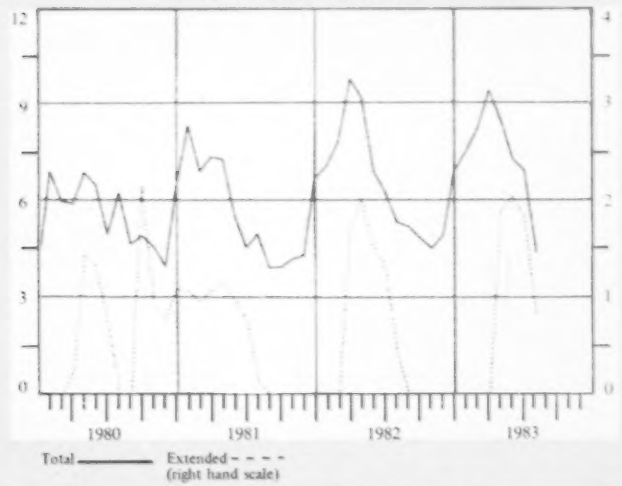
THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN A BROCHURE WHICH IS AVAILABLE FROM THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH FOR A FEE OF $2.50.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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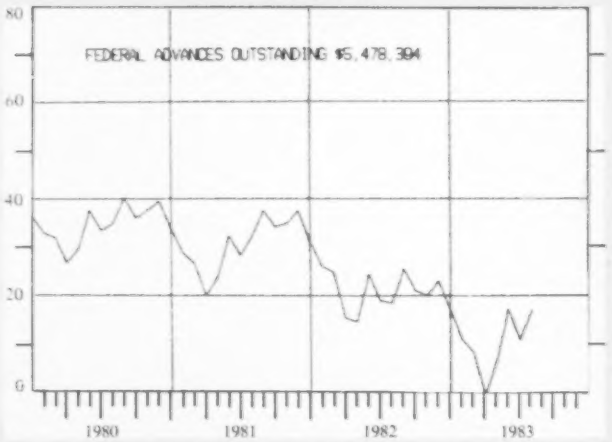
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

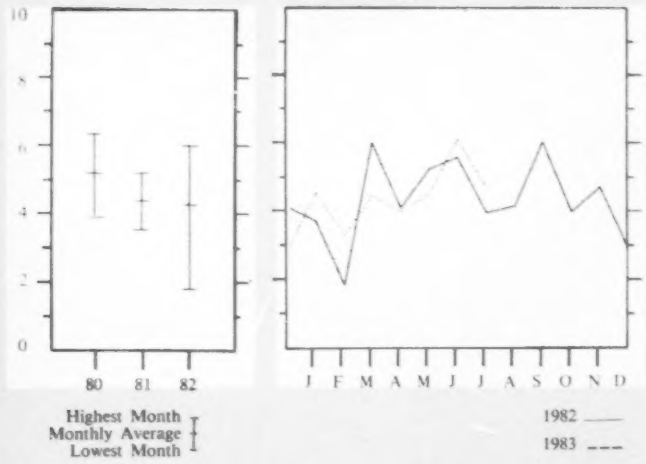
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	418.0	418.5	415.7	97.4	98.3	93.8	32.1	34.0	31.9
Total Manufacturing	98.6	107.3	101.9	15.6	16.0	16.1	9.6	11.3	9.4
Durable Goods	37.8	38.3	38.9	6.3	6.5	7.0	1.9	2.0	1.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.9	12.0	11.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	13.9	14.3	14.8	5.4	5.6	6.2	1.4	1.6	1.4
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.0	12.0	12.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Nondurable Goods	60.8	69.0	63.0	9.3	9.5	9.1	7.7	9.3	7.5
Food and Kindred Products	8.4	8.9	10.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	5.3	6.9	6.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.0	1.4	1.0
Apparel	4.5	5.0	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.0	17.2	17.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	14.7	20.8	14.6	2.4	3.1	2.3	2.8	3.8	2.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.8	17.4	11.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.3	3.1	2.0
All Other	2.9	3.4	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.6	0.5
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.9	10.2	10.2	4.6	4.1	4.4	2.3	2.6	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	319.4	311.2	313.8	81.8	82.3	77.7	22.5	22.7	22.5
Contract Construction	18.7	18.2	19.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	1.4	1.3	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.7	18.3	19.2	6.3	6.2	6.3	1.2	1.3	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	96.2	92.2	92.4	27.1	26.7	25.6	7.9	8.0	7.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.7	18.6	18.0	8.9	8.9	8.3	1.9	1.7	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	89.0	83.3	88.3	22.9	23.0	21.4	7.4	7.4	7.3
Government	78.1	80.6	76.9	12.1	13.0	11.6	2.9	3.0	3.0
Federal	18.2	18.2	18.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
State and Local 5/	59.9	62.4	58.8	10.7	11.6	10.2	2.6	2.8	2.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes. Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

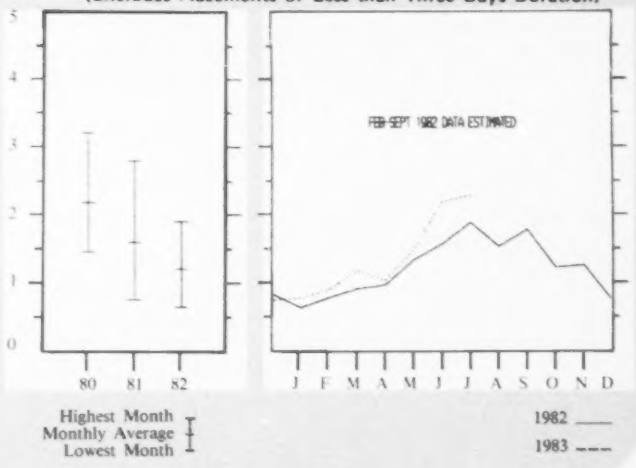
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	312.76	297.75	296.40	40.2	39.7	40.0	7.78	7.50	7.41	7.22	6.66	6.00
Durable Goods	325.60	312.84	306.73	40.0	39.6	40.2	8.14	7.90	7.63	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	314.29	290.97	292.09	41.3	40.3	40.4	7.61	7.22	7.23	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	291.83	296.40	285.59	38.5	39.0	39.5	7.58	7.60	7.23	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	380.30	358.09	345.14	40.5	39.7	40.7	9.39	9.02	8.48	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	304.67	289.02	290.80	40.3	39.7	40.0	7.56	7.28	7.27	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	220.98	225.81	208.10	35.3	35.9	34.8	6.26	6.29	5.98	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	255.00	250.06	224.87	42.5	42.6	40.3	6.00	5.87	5.58	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	193.14	184.10	191.94	35.9	35.0	36.7	5.38	5.26	5.23	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	472.31	484.43	471.80	44.1	44.2	46.3	10.71	10.96	10.19	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	220.56	210.55	207.75	38.9	37.8	37.5	5.67	5.57	5.54	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	270.40	263.31	231.51	40.6	40.2	37.4	6.66	6.55	6.19	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	296.00	284.64	286.77	37.9	37.7	38.7	7.81	7.55	7.41	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	254.78	244.21	237.08	40.7	40.1	38.3	6.26	6.09	6.19	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force*	235.7	230.3	224.2
Unemployed	27.4	21.7	26.5
(Percent)	11.6	9.4	11.8
Resident Employed	208.4	208.6	197.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	299.3	298.1	292.2	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4
Percent Change from Last December	+2.4
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.4

*Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	564.6	552.4	536.0	508.1	504.9	481.4	56.5	47.5	54.6	10.0	8.6	10.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	46,300	45,500	41,800	41,800	42,000	38,100	4,500	3,500	3,700	9.7	7.7	8.9
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	34,900	33,900	33,800	30,500	30,800	29,500	4,400	3,100	4,300	12.6	9.1	12.7
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	40,600	40,000	38,800	34,400	36,300	32,800	6,200	3,700	6,000	15.3	9.3	15.5
Portland SMSA	102,100	102,800	94,800	95,200	96,000	87,900	6,900	6,800	6,900	6.8	6.6	7.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,360	30,060	29,480	27,420	27,790	26,730	2,940	2,270	2,750	9.7	7.6	9.3
Bath-Brunswick	26,070	25,630	24,760	24,060	23,970	23,120	2,010	1,660	1,640	7.7	6.5	6.6
Belfast	12,000	11,130	11,110	10,280	9,760	9,600	1,720	1,370	1,510	14.3	12.3	13.6
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	10,170	9,230	9,570	9,490	8,590	9,040	680	640	530	6.7	6.9	5.5
Calais-Eastport	16,200	15,370	15,930	14,250	13,220	14,020	1,950	2,150	1,910	12.0	14.0	12.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,530	22,160	20,840	18,440	19,340	17,580	3,090	2,820	3,260	14.4	12.7	15.6
Central Penobscot	3,920	3,760	3,670	3,580	3,480	3,330	340	280	340	8.7	7.4	9.3
Dover-Foxcroft	7,330	7,310	7,360	6,620	6,670	6,360	710	640	1,000	9.7	8.8	13.6
Ellsworth	25,080	21,890	22,850	23,380	20,280	21,500	1,700	1,610	1,350	6.8	7.4	5.9
Farmington	13,520	13,410	13,110	12,050	12,240	11,850	1,470	1,170	1,260	10.9	8.7	9.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,500	5,440	5,270	4,970	4,760	4,660	530	680	610	9.6	12.5	11.6
Greenville	1,600	1,480	1,510	1,500	1,370	1,410	100	110	100	6.3	7.4	6.6
Houlton	5,450	5,460	5,170	4,660	4,800	4,440	790	660	730	14.5	12.1	14.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,890	5,760	5,640	5,270	5,210	5,010	620	550	630	10.5	9.5	11.2
Livermore Falls	6,600	6,240	6,230	5,430	5,510	5,280	1,170	730	950	17.7	11.7	15.2
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,850	4,890	4,680	4,300	4,290	4,100	550	600	580	11.3	12.3	12.4
Mechanic Falls	3,680	2,970	3,330	3,150	2,630	2,790	530	340	540	14.4	11.4	16.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,620	5,510	5,390	5,060	5,050	5,020	560	460	370	10.0	8.3	6.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,730	2,700	2,690	2,440	2,390	2,390	290	310	300	10.6	11.5	11.2
Rockland	17,930	17,700	18,510	16,170	16,000	17,140	1,760	1,700	1,370	9.8	9.6	7.4
Rumford	20,570	20,380	20,520	18,230	18,300	18,090	2,340	2,080	2,430	11.4	10.2	11.8
Sebago Lake Region	13,500	11,430	12,700	12,530	10,510	11,680	970	920	1,020	7.2	8.0	8.0
Skowhegan	22,500	23,140	20,310	19,160	20,490	16,810	3,340	2,650	3,500	14.8	11.5	17.2
Kittery-York	26,600	25,120	24,690	25,580	24,310	23,780	1,020	810	910	3.8	3.2	3.7
Southwest Penobscot	8,000	8,750	9,260	6,800	7,720	7,080	1,200	1,030	2,180	15.0	11.8	23.5
Waterville	23,640	23,390	22,230	21,450	21,190	20,240	2,190	2,200	1,990	9.3	9.4	9.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,632.9	1,638.3	1,625.9	1,529.7	1,533.7	1,511.4	103.2	104.6	114.4	6.3	6.4	7.0
Massachusetts	3,046.0	3,025.0	3,096.3	2,856.0	2,799.0	2,798.3	190.0	226.0	298.0	6.2	7.5	9.6
New Hampshire	512.2	505.8	508.2	483.4	482.1	462.0	28.8	23.7	46.2	5.6	4.7	9.1
Rhode Island	480.8	477.5	485.1	436.3	437.7	428.8	44.5	39.8	56.3	9.3	8.3	11.6
Vermont	n/a	262.0	268.2	n/a	243.6	250.9	n/a	18.4	17.4	n/a	7.0	6.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,908.6	5,983.7	n/a	5,496.1	5,451.4	n/a	412.5	532.3	n/a	7.0	8.9
UNITED STATES 3/	113,980	113,383	112,526	103,273	101,313	101,490	10,707	11,570	11,036	9.4	10.2	9.8

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	15,599	11,047	21,173	1,815	1,653	2,387	2,351	858	3,075
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.9	2.8	5.2	2.2	1.9	2.9	7.3	2.6	9.4

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	11.1	11.9	9.6
Clerical and Sales	21.8	22.0	15.6
Service	10.0	10.1	8.1
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.3	1.6	1.9
Processing	4.1	3.8	7.0
Machine Trades	12.4	11.7	13.9
Benchwork	10.0	7.5	10.6
Structural Work	15.2	17.8	12.2
Miscellaneous	14.1	13.6	21.1

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	56.5	59.5	62.9
Under 22	7.1	6.7	9.9
22-24	10.0	10.8	11.0
25-34	29.1	31.1	31.5
35-39	10.3	10.9	10.5
Total 40 and Over	43.5	40.5	37.1
40-44	7.6	8.0	7.8
45-54	13.1	13.8	14.6
55-64	10.7	11.3	10.9
65 and Over	12.1	7.4	3.8

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

AMENDMENTS TO MAINE'S CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION LAW WILL AFFECT THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYERS ACROSS THE STATE. THE AMENDMENTS WERE MADE DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE AND BECAME EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 23.

THE CHANGES ARE DESIGNED TO PROTECT WORKERS EXPOSED TO HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL OR RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES FROM INJURY BY REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO CONDUCT EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS ON THE HANDLING OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND TO KEEP A DETAILED LISTING OF ALL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES PRESENT IN THE WORKSITE.

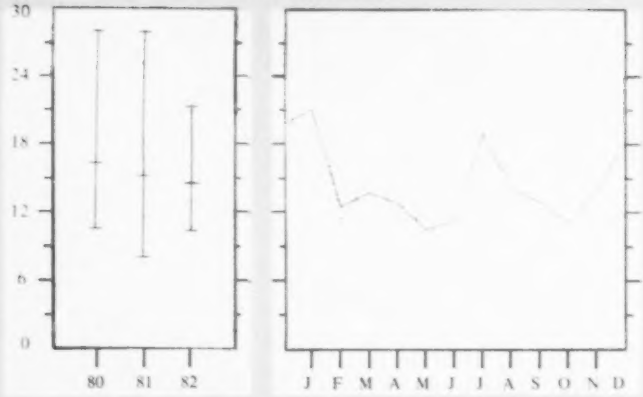
THE BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE IDENTIFICATION LAW. CHANGES IN THE LAW EFFECTIVE THIS MONTH GIVE THE BUREAU AN EXPRESSED RIGHT OF ENTRY INTO THE WORKPLACE TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS AND ALLOW THE BUREAU TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO PAY ANNUAL FEES BASED ON THE NUMBER OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES THEY USE. THE FEES ARE TO BE USED TO ESTABLISH A TRAINING ASSISTANCE FUND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYERS IN ESTABLISHING AND CONDUCTING SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMS.

UNDER THE LAW HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES RANGE FROM RADIOACTIVE OR CARCINOGENIC MATERIAL TO COMBUSTIBLE OR FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS SUCH AS GASOLINE. ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC EMPLOYERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A LISTING OF EACH HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE PRESENT IN THE WORKPLACE AND PAY A FEE RANGING FROM $30 TO $300 DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF DIFFERENT SUBSTANCES LISTED.

EMPLOYERS OR WORKERS INTERESTED IN FURTHER INFORMATION MAY WRITE OR CALL THE BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS, STATE HOUSE STATION #45, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330, TELEPHONE (207) 289-3331.

UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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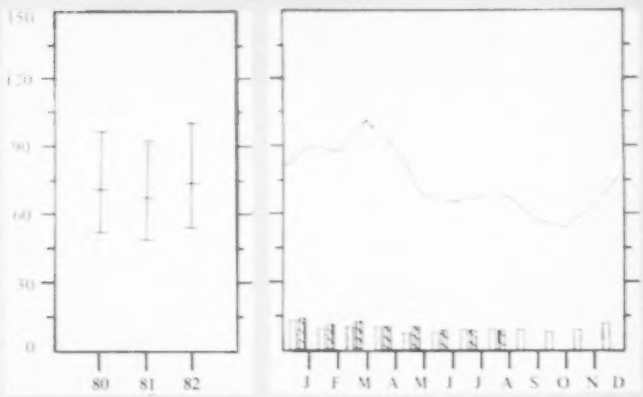


STUDY OF MAINE'S ROAD AND BRIDGE BUILDING INDUSTRY COMPLETED

THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, IN COOPERATION WITH THE OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HAS PRODUCED A STUDY WHICH PROVIDES CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING POTENTIAL FUTURE OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT TRAINING NEEDS FOR PRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE WORKERS IN MAINE'S ROAD AND BRIDGE BUILDING INDUSTRY. IN ORDER TO MEET THE DATA REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STUDY, A SURVEY OF EMPLOYERS IN THE ROAD AND BRIDGE BUILDING INDUSTRY WAS CONDUCTED TO COLLECT INFORMATION REGARDING OCCUPATIONAL STAFFING, AGE CHARACTERISTICS OF WORKERS, AND INDUSTRY TRENDS.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ENUMERATORS SURVEYED 45 OF MAINE'S ROAD AND BRIDGE BUILDING FIRMS. THESE FIRMS ACCOUNTED FOR OVER 90 PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE INDUSTRY. THE DATA COLLECTED PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL DETAIL CONCERNING AGE AND OCCUPATIONAL STATUS. FOR EXAMPLE, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY THE AVERAGE AGE OF MAINTENANCE AND PRODUCTION WORKERS WAS 37. HOWEVER, 541 WORKERS WERE OVER 50 YEARS OF AGE AND 143 WORKERS WERE OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE. THIS AGE DATA, WHEN CROSS-TABULATED WITH OCCUPATIONAL STATUS, INDICATED THOSE OCCUPATIONS FOR WHICH ON-THE-JOB TRAINING MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE AS A RESULT OF OPENINGS DUE TO RETIRING WORKERS.

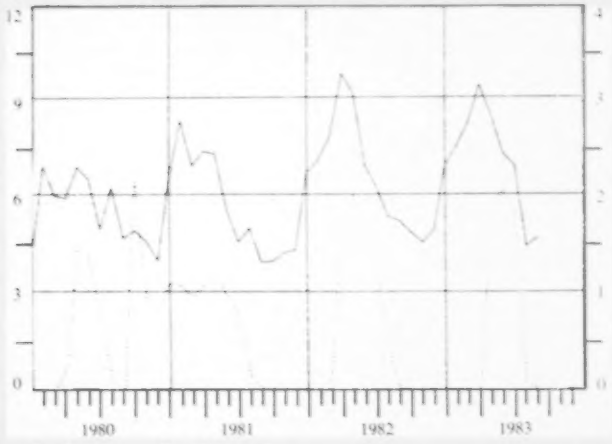
THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY WILL BE PRESENTED ON NOVEMBER 2, 1983 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUILDING IN AUGUSTA. ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND THIS PRESENTATION SHOULD CONTACT MARY ELLEN TWOMBLY, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AT 289-3551. STUDY RESULTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN PRINTED FORM FROM EITHER THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH OR THE OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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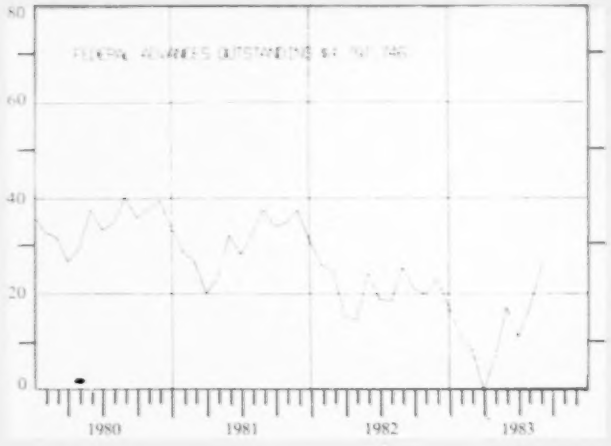
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

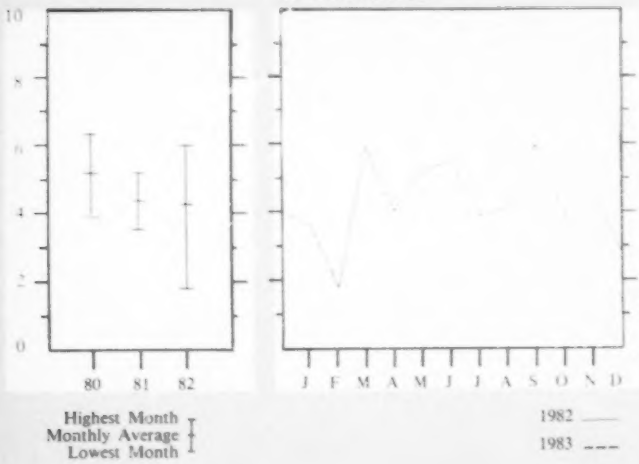
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	428.0	418.0	424.5	97.2	97.4	94.6	34.3	32.1	33.7
Total Manufacturing	110.2	98.6	110.5	16.5	15.6	17.0	11.6	9.6	11.0
Durable Goods	38.6	37.8	39.4	6.3	6.3	6.9	2.1	1.9	1.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.3	11.9	12.1	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.3	13.9	14.6	5.4	5.4	6.1	1.7	1.4	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.0	12.0	12.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
Nondurable Goods	71.6	60.8	71.1	10.2	9.3	10.1	9.5	7.7	9.1
Food and Kindred Products	10.5	8.4	11.1	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.9	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.0	5.3	6.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.0	1.5
Apparel	5.0	4.5	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.1	18.0	17.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.8	14.7	20.3	3.2	2.4	3.2	3.7	2.8	3.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	17.5	11.8	16.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.1	2.3	2.7
All Other	3.3	2.9	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.5	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.2	9.9	10.2	4.7	4.6	4.5	2.6	2.3	2.8
Total Nonmanufacturing	317.8	319.4	314.0	80.7	81.8	77.6	22.7	22.5	22.7
Contract Construction	18.6	18.7	18.7	4.5	4.5	4.4	1.6	1.4	1.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	16.8	18.7	18.9	5.6	6.3	6.3	1.1	1.2	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	96.6	96.2	92.9	26.0	27.1	25.7	8.0	7.9	8.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.6	18.7	18.1	8.9	8.9	8.4	1.7	1.7	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	89.6	89.0	89.1	23.0	22.9	21.4	7.4	7.4	7.2
Government	77.6	78.1	76.3	11.9	12.1	11.4	2.9	2.9	3.0
Federal	18.1	18.2	18.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	59.5	59.9	58.3	10.5	10.7	10.0	2.6	2.6	2.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes. Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38. Portland - 32, 37, 38. Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes. Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

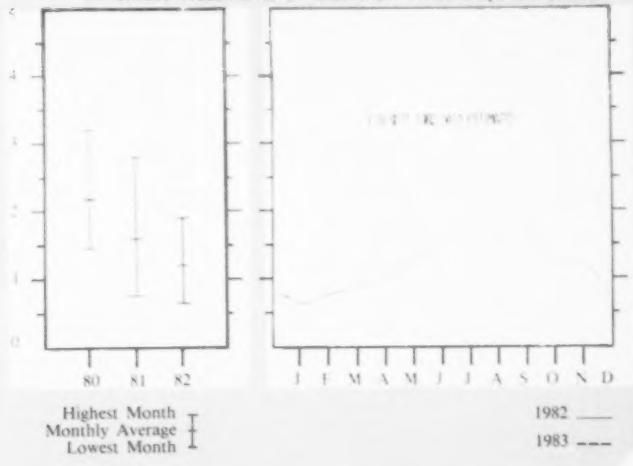
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$302.00	$312.76	$291.13	40.0	40.2	40.1	$7.55	$7.78	$7.26	$7.22	$6.66	$6.00
Durable Goods	326.83	325.60	315.17	40.3	40.0	40.2	8.11	8.14	7.84	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products	306.27	314.29	284.72	41.0	41.3	40.5	7.47	7.61	7.03	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	302.97	291.83	279.85	39.5	38.5	38.6	7.67	7.58	7.25	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	380.70	380.30	387.39	40.5	40.5	41.7	9.40	9.39	9.29	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	289.35	304.67	278.29	39.8	40.3	40.1	7.27	7.56	6.94	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products	213.90	220.98	213.40	37.2	35.3	38.8	5.75	6.26	5.50	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	252.62	255.00	204.28	42.6	42.5	37.9	5.93	6.00	5.39	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	204.60	193.14	198.06	37.2	35.9	37.3	5.50	5.38	5.31	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products	491.48	472.31	467.62	44.0	44.1	45.4	11.17	10.71	10.30	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products	210.92	220.56	209.72	37.8	38.9	38.2	5.58	5.67	5.49	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	255.19	270.40	237.93	39.2	40.6	38.5	6.51	6.66	6.18	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	292.19	296.00	278.36	37.8	37.9	38.5	7.73	7.81	7.23	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	240.73	254.78	225.55	39.4	40.7	38.1	6.11	6.26	5.92	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force *	236.4	235.7	224.6
Unemployed	19.7	27.4	20.5
(Percent)	8.3	11.6	9.1
Resident Employed	216.7	208.4	204.1

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	300.3	299.3	292.8	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3
Percent Change from Last December	+2.7
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.6

* Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE - Statewide	564.6	564.6	533.4	523.1	508.1	493.1	41.5	56.5	40.3	7.4	10.0	7.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	45,400	46,300	41,200	42,300	41,800	38,300	3,100	4,500	2,900	6.8	9.7	7.0
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	33,700	34,900	33,300	30,900	30,500	30,700	2,800	4,400	2,600	8.3	12.6	7.8
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	39,800	40,600	38,000	36,600	34,400	34,600	3,200	6,200	3,400	8.0	15.3	8.9
Portland SMSA	101,000	102,100	93,700	94,900	95,200	88,200	6,100	6,900	5,500	6.0	6.8	5.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,980	30,360	28,620	28,020	27,420	26,610	1,960	2,940	2,010	6.5	9.7	7.0
Bath-Brunswick	25,610	26,070	25,220	24,360	24,060	23,900	1,250	2,010	1,320	4.9	7.7	5.2
Belfast	12,260	12,000	10,700	10,880	10,280	9,650	1,380	1,720	1,120	11.3	14.3	10.4
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,210	10,170	9,580	9,700	9,490	9,120	510	680	460	5.0	6.7	4.8
Calais-Eastport	19,290	16,200	18,810	17,650	14,250	17,100	1,640	1,950	1,710	8.5	12.0	9.1
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,410	21,530	19,920	18,010	18,440	17,110	3,400	3,090	2,810	15.9	14.4	14.1
Central Penobscot	3,760	3,920	3,540	3,550	3,580	3,310	210	340	230	5.6	8.7	6.5
Dover-Foxcroft	7,110	7,330	6,790	6,570	6,620	6,150	540	710	640	7.6	9.7	9.4
Ellsworth	26,410	25,080	25,000	25,210	23,380	23,830	1,200	1,700	1,170	4.5	6.8	4.7
Farmington	13,520	13,520	12,580	12,560	12,050	11,610	960	1,470	970	7.1	10.9	7.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,350	5,500	4,930	4,920	4,970	4,400	430	530	530	8.0	9.6	10.8
Greenville	1,600	1,600	1,520	1,530	1,500	1,440	70	100	80	4.4	6.3	5.3
Houlton	5,390	5,450	4,910	4,630	4,660	4,300	760	790	610	14.1	14.5	12.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,820	5,890	5,550	5,380	5,270	5,020	440	620	530	7.6	10.5	9.5
Livermore Falls	6,020	6,600	5,840	5,410	5,430	5,180	610	1,170	660	10.1	17.7	11.3
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,650	4,850	4,430	4,160	4,300	3,890	490	550	540	10.5	11.3	12.2
Mechanic Falls	3,450	3,680	3,140	3,140	3,150	2,800	310	530	340	9.0	14.4	10.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,420	5,620	5,300	5,060	5,060	5,000	360	560	300	6.6	10.0	5.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,540	2,730	2,450	2,320	2,440	2,180	220	290	270	8.7	10.6	11.0
Rockland	18,840	17,930	18,820	17,510	16,170	17,520	1,330	1,760	1,300	7.1	9.8	6.9
Rumford	20,650	20,570	20,770	18,890	18,230	18,990	1,760	2,340	1,780	8.5	11.4	8.6
Sebago Lake Region	13,210	13,500	12,540	12,410	12,530	11,680	800	970	860	6.1	7.2	6.9
Skowhegan	23,010	22,500	20,860	20,700	19,160	18,540	2,310	3,340	2,320	10.0	14.8	11.1
Kittery-York	27,320	26,600	25,470	26,610	25,580	24,850	710	1,020	620	2.6	3.8	2.4
Southwest Penobscot	8,470	8,000	7,970	7,590	6,800	6,960	880	1,200	1,010	10.4	15.0	12.7
Waterville	23,430	23,640	21,940	21,620	21,450	20,270	1,810	2,190	1,670	7.7	9.3	7.6
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	N/A	1,632.9	1,604.0	N/A	1,529.7	1,496.7	N/A	103.2	107.3	N/A	6.3	6.7
Massachusetts	3,064.0	3,046.0	3,112.6	2,881.0	2,856.0	2,875.0	183.0	190.0	237.5	6.3	6.2	7.6
New Hampshire	N/A	512.2	497.7	N/A	483.4	464.2	N/A	28.8	33.5	N/A	5.6	6.7
Rhode Island	493.0	480.8	489.6	445.5	436.3	436.2	37.5	44.5	53.4	7.8	9.3	10.9
Vermont	N/A	266.3	268.2	N/A	249.4	250.9	N/A	16.9	17.4	N/A	6.3	6.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	N/A	5,938.2	5,972.1	N/A	5,554.8	5,523.0	N/A	383.4	449.1	N/A	7.6	7.5
UNITED STATES 3/	174,440	113,980	111,887	101,167	103,273	101,177	10,411	10,707	10,710	9.2	9.4	9.6

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	9,942	15,599	12,668	1,415	1,915	1,774	756	2,351	1,154
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.4	3.9	3.1	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.3	7.3	3.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	12.2	11.1	10.7
Clerical and Sales	23.2	21.8	16.4
Service	11.0	10.0	9.0
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.1	1.3	1.7
Processing	4.6	4.1	8.1
Machine Trades	10.7	12.4	12.6
Benchwork	7.9	10.0	8.3
Structural Work	15.3	15.2	12.7
Miscellaneous	14.0	14.1	20.5

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	58.2	56.5	62.5
Under 22	6.9	7.1	9.4
22-24	9.8	10.0	10.8
25-34	30.1	29.1	31.3
35-39	11.4	10.3	11.0
Total 40 and Over	41.8	43.5	37.5
40-44	8.7	7.6	7.9
45-54	15.1	13.1	14.3
55-64	11.8	10.7	11.5
65 and Over	6.2	12.1	3.8

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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